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This Book,

Is to specify the time of the removals of either Elders or Deacons, by Death or otherwise, in the Church, as far back as 1824 and also the name, and time that others were appointed to fill the vacancy.

And from 1830 to mention the most important matters along in every Month as they occur to action.—

A

Monthly Journal of such transactions as is and may hereafter be considered of some importance to be kept. As it is intended to specify the time of many transactions which may hereafter be hard to come at without the aid of such a Journal — Commenced the 22nd of June 1830.

By Philemon Stewart

December, 14th 1824.

14. Tue Ebizur Woodworth, whose prosper name is Stephen Woodworth Departed this life A.M 20 minutes before 11. He has officiated as the second Elder in this part of the Church called the second Order for several Years, and was much esteemed and beloved for his work sake, he was one of the Labourers amongst the Young Believers for some considerable time prior to his removeal in to the Church. His departure is more deeply regreted, especially by the Young as he posessed a peculiar facuilty to win the felings and affections of those with whome he had to deal, in things both Spiritual and temporal.—

19. Sab The Person appointed by the Ministry and Elders, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Death of the above mentioned, is Samuel Johnson Junr. he has officiated for a few years past, till within about a year, as one of the Office Deacons, to help manage the outward concerns of the Church, he goes this day to live in the lot, to live in the Office. left the Office December 25th 1823

(Note) Samuel Johnson came from the first Order November 23rd 1919

goes to live with the Elders Thursday Dec 15th 1824

February 26th 1826.

26. Sab. Elderbrother Samuel Spicer, who has officiated as the first Elder in this part of the Church for near a dozen years. Departed this life P.M. quarter past 5, He was one who believed with the first who received the gospel from Mother and the Elders here in America, and has officiated as an Elder in different places the greater part of the time ever since, he was a man greatly gifted in signs and opperations, he also possessed a remarkable kind and gentle spirit insomuch that he would often times with a few words cause a whole Assembly to drop upon their knees in Humiliation and Prayer to God, and often the joyful feelings of his soul would raise an Assembly from a state of sorrow into a joyful and lively worship of God altho he was a man that had become

advanced in years, and had for a long time been afflicted with many grevious Bodily infirmities, still he retained a strong forcible persivering spirit in the way of God.—

April 9th 1826.

9th Sab The Ministry attend our Meeting this forenoon and appoint one of the Young Brethren by the name of Amos Stewart, to live in the Elders lot, he is the first of the Younger class that has been appointed to labour in that calling, His age is 24 the 9th of the following month, Brought amongst the Believers when in his 9th year Samuel Johnson, is of course from this date call'd the Elder brother.—

February 17th 1827.

17th Sat. The Ministry and Elders think it best for Sally Lewis to live in the Elders lot, as the

Elder Sister is considerable aged and has become quite broken in consequence of Bad health inasmuch She is not able to bear much of a burden, therefore it becomes nepopary for three Females to be call'd in that labor instead of two, for the present. Sally is a woman that Believ'd when in her 24th Year, and she will now be 34 the 26th of the following month She has a Daughter living here by the name of Sarah Ann Lewis that is nearly grown up—

May 13th 1832.

13. The Ministry feel to release the Elder Sister Mary Andress from bearing a burden in the Elders lot any longer, as she chooses to be releas'd, and has also become so infirm'd that she is not able, She has been call'd in that labor riseing of thirty years and has for the most part of the time, been call'd to bear the forefront of the burden in her line, She is one that recieved the gospel from the face of Mother Ann and the

Elders that came with her from England
From this date Lucy Darrow, who was a
small child in the first gathering of the
Church, and who has lived with the Elder
sister for near 17 years, is now of course
call'd the Elder Sister—
Elizur Wodsworth, and Lucy Darrow
both came from the first Order, into the
Second, February 9th 1912 to stand as secon
ds in the lot of Elders at this Family, The
then existing Elder brother, whose nam-
ne, was and is Joseph Green, who believ
in the first opening of the gospel, was a
short time after the above date found o
out to be not only corrupt himself but
a corrupter of others, and of course he
was dismiss'd from his place, and shortly
after went to the world. at the time of
the dismissal of the above mentioned,
Samuel Spicer then living at the first
Order, was chosen by the Ministry and
Elders, as the one who was the most

suitable considering all circumstances to take the place of an Elder brother in this part of the Church, His decease is mentioned in the foregoing part of this Book.—

December 25th 1823.

25th This is the time that Samuel Johnson our present Elder Brother leaves his care in the Office, and retires into the Family. Betsy Darrow came from the first Order to live in the Office at the same time of the above mentioned; also resigned her care in the Office at the same time, there remains at this date four in the Office Two of each sex, the Ministry and Elders do not think it expedient to establish for the futer or least at present, more than four in the Office as Deacons and Deaconesses, as this number is incapable of transacting all the buisness which must come under their Jurisdiction, accordingly there is helps appointed on both sides, or more properly helps.

Benjamin Lyon a man of rather more than middle age is appointed to go out and Peddle, and help otherwise as far as necessary, subject to the controll of the trustees. As to the Females it devolves upon two or three to take turns and help when necessary, which is considerable, such as cooking and the like.

April 9th 1826.

9th Mo Benjamin Lyon is this day, agreeable to his own request, releas'd from the urksom business of Peddleing and being amongst the world so much, he takes the garden and the Boys, and so on.

Philemon Stewart, a young man whose age will be 22 the 20th of the present month, takes the busines which the above mentioned has left.

April 22nd 1826.

22nd 5th The day for the removal of our Trustees

has at length arived, accordingly, Stephen Mums, now call'd the Deacon, Israel Hammond, Susana Ellis, and Mary Smith now call'd Mally, remove from the Second Order, where the Office has been kept nearly ever since the Church was gathered, into the new brick Building erected on purpose fronting the Meeting House, the Deacon is a man between 60 and 70 years of age, the rest are rather past the prime of life, the two Brethren have labour'd in that calling for a great number of years, the two Sisters have been there probably something over a Dozen years—

Philemon Stewart is now releared from Peddling, and Luther Copley a young man living in the first Order takes the above business. on towards the close of this month there is a gift for the Boys to move out of the House intirely, and to live in the west end of the building that has previously been occupied as a storehouse for

the use of the Office, Philemon Stewart is the one appointed to take care of them As the garden is a suitable place for Boys to work, he also takes the garden.

Benjamin Lyon now gives up the Boys garden and all, and recieves the appointment of Family Deacon somewhere along, about these days. Betsy Copley and Sally Smith are appointed as the two first Sisters in temporal care, in this part of the Church, they are both of the younger class—

Charles Stewart a young man of about thirty years of age, has been appointed for near two years past as foreman of the farming buisness, and still remains there.

August 2nd 1826.

2nd Wm. Elder Archibald Meacham who is the first Elder of the Society at Busseron, State of Indiana, and Andrew Houston a young Man living

at Union Village, Ohio; arive here this day on a visit, and other buisness—
Elder Archabald is one of those who was formally sent from this place to labor in the Western Country, and is now between 40 and 50 years of age

June 1827.

Somewhere near the middle of this month Elder Benjamin S Youngs, Mathew Houston Eli McLain, and Eldress Molly Goodrich and Prudence Houston, arive here on a Visit from south union, Kentuckey. Elder Benjamin and Eldress Molly were both sent from the East into that country as laborers near 20 years ago; the other three were of the younger class that Believ, in that country—

July 6th 1829.

6th Mon. Richard McNemar, now called Eleazer Wright, Eldress Rachel Johnson, Prudence Morall, arive at this place, on a Visit from Union Village, Ohio. Lucy Smith who has officiat-

ted as the first Woman in the Society at Pleasent Hill, Kentucky; also came with them as far as Watervliet, and expects to remain in these parts, It is also concluded for Prudence to remain here also, Eldress Rachel and Eldress Lucy as she has been call'd, were both sent from these parts into the western Country to help establish the gospel there. Eldress Rachel Stands as the first Woman in the western Country, Richard McClean was one among the first that believ'd in the west, he was an ordain'd Minister before he believ'd, Prudence Moral is one of the younger class that believ'd in the West—

14th M. The Ministry and Elders feel a gift for Daniel Moseley, an aged Brother now living in the second Order of the Church at this place, to go with Richard McClean to the East on a Visit as far as New Enfield and Canterbury, State of New Hampshire and Harvard and Shirley State of Massachusetts. They set out agreeable to the above date,

August 6th 1829.

6th Th Daniel and Richard Mc. Keamer returns this day from off their Eastern Visit.

9th D The Church assemble at the Meeting House this afternoon, and Brother Daniel and Brother Eleazer, whose name above is called Richard Mc speake considerable respecting their late Visit to the East, and give out a rich treasure of love and so on, which is all very entertaining.

September 5th 1829.

Sat. 5th Brother Eleazer, and Eldress Rachel set out this morneng at 5 oclock for Home. Elder brother Amos and some others of his lot accompany them as far as Watervliet, and two Brethren goon from there with them as far as Rochester Elder Elisha and his lot, from Alfred, Province of Maine, have been here for some time on a Visit.

8th Tues. Brother Rufus Bishop comes this evening and reads to us a circular epistle, that is to circulate in every Society of believers throughout the Land. Showing the necessity of

every ones having a right line of faith established in their own souls, and the necessity of a oneness and union in all things as far as practicable And moreover, to have Every Church covenant so revised and fixed, that that they may be perfectly one in word, and in principle. That the defence which every Society of Believers may hereafter be required to make, as far as our Constitution, may be concerned, may be perfectly alike, As it is thought they will have more force and weight upon the World of Mankind in general.

October 1st 1829.

1st Th The lot of Elders from Shirley arive here this day on a visit.— Somewhere along about these days, we here of a strange story that is in circulation amongst our wicked neighbors. The story is this. It is said by Asa Mosier that Stephen Munson, Our first Trustee, gave him a note amounting to 500 Dollars some time in the month of last January, and the buisness was transacted as a profound

secrecy on both sides, and he had kept it as such., untill he presented the Note, and Stephen denied it, Furthermore we here that he threatened, sueing, and Stephen had fled to escape Justice.—

November 1829

The Church as at present under consider able weakness of Body. it is a general time of heavy colds, and some serious sickness— Some time in this month David Lear and all his Family Turn off from this profession and clear back to Chatham from whence they came. The man was first hired to tend our grist mill. after he and the Woman set out, or pretended to, we took In to this Order 3 of the Children, which I consider a great blessing to get rid of—

4th W We take a Boy into this Order by the name of Calvin Green Reed, he is John Bennets. Grand Son, from Cheshire, between 8 and 9 years of age—

January. 1830.

It is now a usual time of prosperity among Believers In this place, there has no changes occurred of late among either Elders or Deacons.—

February 1830.

Nothing uncommon takes place in this month either of a Spiritual or temporal nature however we are often exorted by our good Ministry and Elders, and by eachother to steady perseverence in the way of well doing, hands to works and hearts to God, is the watch word of this day.—

March 1830

All things as far as I connected with the Church at this time are under a measure of a blessing one thing I have noticed that ought to have been annexed to the top month on this page—

That is, the Decease of Mary Andrews which took place on the 27th of last January, about 9 o'clock in the morning She has been a Sister much beloved and esteemed ever since the first of her faith She has been called to Officiate as an Elder Sister, and in that line for more than thirty years, and has ever been faithful to her trust and calling—

March 29th 1830.

Somewhere about this time, we are informed that it is thought best for Israel Hammond and Molly Smith to change with Jonathan Wood and Electa Blanchard, the two former to go in to the Family as helps in the Deacons lot there, and for the two latter to go into the Deacons lot in the Office, and if any one has any objections, they are to let them be know in a short time. The two latter are both in the prime of life, little rising of thirty, the two former were dismissed agreeable to their own request.

Israel is a man that is qute infirm and has been for some time, Molly is also feeble

April 1830

Things go quite regular as far as any thing that we know of, We are all buisy with our hands, and with our spirits too.

May 1830

17th M There is a load of Brethren and Sisters set out from the first Order, for New Enfield, they go in consequence of one of the Sisters who teaches our school, (viz) Sarah Bates being in a low state of health, and all wish to have her recover in such a measure, as to be able to commence the school in a few weeks

24th M Our beloved Ministry set out this morning on a long journey to the East, they contemplate to visit every Church where believers reside throughout the Eastern States.

Elder Ebenezer and Brother Rufus come and attend meeting with us the last Sabbath

previous to their departure from this place, for the East, They have a great deal of good instruction and valuable counsel to impart to us, and encourage us to persevere in the way of simplicity and meekness, and Godly love one to another, for this is the only sure mark of a good and faithful believers, By this said Christ shall all men know that ye are my disciples, in truth.

June 25th 1830.

25th Th There is a calamity happens this day long to be remembered, it is such an one as the oldest man in this place never before witnessed and we hope, that none of the young will ever be left to witness the like again.

About one oclock past meridian, commences a very heavey thunder storm of rain, which in about 10 minites terminates in very heavy hail, which sweeps all before it, a great portion of our west and north windows are in a few minutes dashed to peices, there is about 6000 panes of glass broken among Believers, in this Village

Our fields and our gardens, which but a few moments, before, presented to the eye of the beholder, a most beautiful and variegated scenery, was now laid even with the ground our gardens really look as tho the besom of destruction had swept them. Many of the feathered tribe lost their lives, and a vast many had their limbs broken.—

17th Th It is thought best by the Ministry and Elders to make some change in this part of the Church in relation to the first care upon the farm, Charles Stewart has retained that care for about 4 years past. He is now releave from that burden, however he still works upon the farm. Aaron Bills, Jun^r a young man between 25 and 30 years of age is now put in ~~possession~~ possession of the care which the above mentioned has left.

There has been several other small moves, of but little importance, therefore I shall leave them.

5th Tue We take in a Boy by the name of James P Vail he is from the City of New York, without Father or Mother or any lawful guardian, sent by the

man, by who took care of the Boy, since the decease of his Parents, the Boy has fitts. we have no correct information of his age, but we suppose him to be about 12.—

There has been a few things of importance omited thro' a mistake which were transacted in the month of may, and ought to have been there inserted, however I shall insert them here.

May 3rd 1830.

3rd M There has been considerable labo amongst many in relation to cultivating and improving the minds of the rising generation, as they ought to be, and of improving and refining the Morals of our Youth and Children in that which will render them honorable respectable and useful in the gospel; Also to give them a further sight and understanding into the scriptures. Accordingly there is a gift for all the Boys in the Church, who are in the Boys Order (and there is liberty for any of the rest who may feel so to do,) To meet every monday evening and be instructed in relation to those

matters above mentioned. The girls have
been instructed in this way for some time
previous to the Boys commencing, especially
those in the first Order. Those social meetings
are now joining, amongst the Youth and
Children throughout the Society—
4th Tu Deacon Stephen and Elder Babbin are
subpenaed to attend a vexatious Lawsuit
between Henry Baker, and Henry Whitman
the former sued for assault and battery
because the latter put him out of his door (bar) ya
for his saucy ill behaviour. The Court
decide against Henry Baker, with cost
of suit. Henry Whitman believed about
a year ago, he and his Family lived in
a house by themselves when this affair
happened— Henry Baker is a man
that has been brought up among believers,
tho he never became one in reality.
and has for several years previous to his being
Excommunicated from this Society been
labouring to do all the mischief he was capable

of doing, both by precept and example, and his conduct become so refractory that it could not be born with, he had broken all Covenant agreement, and set at defiance all Order and goverment. Accordingly on the 5th of June 1832 P, there was a meeting Assembled, consisting of the Ministry and All the Elders, and a great number of the older Brethren and Sisters, and excommunicated the said Henry Baker, from having any right or title in this Society whatever, for there was 600 Dollars offered him if he would withdraw peaceably, But all was of no use, he was bent upon having his own price, or make all the trouble he could,

July 17th 1830.

17th W There is two of our beloved Brethren from the West arive safe at the Office this afternoon Their names are as follows Elder Solomon King, whose home is at Union Village

Ohio, and is the first Elder in the Western Country, went into them parts rising of 20 years ago. The other is Elder Isoachar Bates, who was one of the first that went into them parts to preach the gospel, he is a Man rising of 70 years of age, and resides at Watervliet in the State of Ohio, Elder Solomon is a man near 50 years of age. They have come to pay the Believers a Visit in these parts, as they have been absent, for a long time.

16th F Our good Ministry reach Home this afternoon about 4 oclock, after an absence of 6 weeks. They are all in their usual health.

August 9th 1830

9th M Elder Solomon and Elder Isoachar, sets out for Home this morning, Brother Rufus accompanys them as far as Watervliet

29th D There is a circumstance hapens towards the close of this day, of rather a flusterrating nature As Believers have always been more or less

afflicted by the wicked, (especially those residing in York State) For all the rest of the States where believers reside, have for a consider length of time been induced to believe, that no denomination or sect; Whose faith and conscience is averse to bearing Arms, and whose works prove the truth of their profession, ought to be compeled to do it, or to pay any thing in supot of a cause, which looks to them to be so barbarous, cruel and wicked. Accordingly, the wise Legislatures, presidents in those States have seen fit to release all such persuasions. But York State has proved herself to be the last to yield or comply, to the calls of Justice, or the requirements of Humanity, In so much that all the Believers whose age and health, subject them, to Military encroachments, and whose dwellings are located so near the Line, that it is practicable for them so to do, have been under the necessity of Emigrating over the line, and taking the proper measures, to secure a residence in Massachusetts, as a great portion of our land lays in

that States, this very much offends our enimies. For the appostates tell them, it is only to learn, for we only go one or two nights in a year to stay in Massachusetts, and all the rest of the time, we are in York State as much as ever we was, this sets some of the military Officers in this Town, very zealously to work this season to cateh some of us who are liable in York State and learn us to Training, so that for our nonappearence, they can trouble us with a Court Marshal and fine us. And for this reason the Ministry and Elders, Council all of us Who are liable to clear over the line this evening, and there remain untill such times as is thought we can return in safety, accordingly we hearken to council, and go, and found Find employment, and a Habitation where ever we can, we have to remain in this situation about a fortnight, untill after the Trainings are over. When we return in safety to our Dwellings.

August 30th 1830.

30th M The lot of Elders in this part of the Church Call'd the Second Order, set out this morning on a Journey to the East, for a Visit, they expect to Visit Old Enfield, in Connecticut, and Harvard and Shirley in Massachusetts, and then return,

September 9th 1830.

9th Th There is quite an addition made in number to this part of the Church call'd the second Order, We have a Family of children from New York consisting of 7 in number, the 5 youngest we take in this day, the other two are at the North House, we shall take them in a week or two, They are from the age of 16 to 5. 6 Boys and one Girl

11th S. All We soldiers all have now liberty to return to our Homes this morning by 9 o'clock which we very thankful do, after an absence of about two weeks.

23d Th It is now about the time we're expecting our Elders to return, but we are most sorrowfully

disappointed this evening, to hear, by way of letter that we must not look for our Elders very soon, in consequence of one of the lot being quite sick viz) Amos Stewart, we hear by letter, and by word of mouth to, There is two Brethren who reside at Shirley, and Elder Calvin, who is the first Elder in the Young Believers Order here at Lebanon, arrive here at the Office this evening, Elder Calvin with a part of his lot, and some more, set out, on a journey to the East, partly for a visit and partly on the account of some business, they left here a week previous to our Elders starting, Elder Calvin leaves the rest of his load at Harvard, and sets out for home, in consequence, of a Lawsuit that is now pending between Stephen Munson, and Asa Maxcy about the 500 Dollar note. The rest of his load are going to Canterbury and New Enfield for a visit, and then home. We learn further by Elder Calvin in respect to Amoses sickness, he thinks him to be dangerously ill. After due consideration there is a proposal for Garret H. Lawrence our Physician, to take the stage and go to Harvard

providing the stage does not lay by on the Sabbath
However it is shortly ascertained that the stage stops
at North Hampton over the Sabbath, therfore
it is concluded best for him not to go at present.
2nd of 4th M We receive another letter signifying that Amos
is very sick, and says he would like to see Garret
Accordingly he is dispatched in hast, this evening
by moon light, bound for Harvard. He goes
with a one horse Waggon.
Somewhere about the 20th of this month
Oliver Holmes, who lives in the Ministry at
Alfred and Robbert Willcox who is the
Elder Brother at New Gloucester, and of the same
Ministration, arive here upon buisnis of serious
importance, in so much that two of our Ministry
viz) Brother Rufus and Sister Asenaeth
and two more viz) Daniel Moseley, who now
stands as the first Man in this part of the
Church, now in the absence of our Elders—
and Olive Spencer who now lives with the
Elder Sister in the first Order, were under
the necessity of immeadiately making a

Visit to that place for the good of the People
29th Tu accordingly they leave Home this morning
they expect to go by the way of Harvard and stay
over the Sabbath.
27th W The long talked of Lawsuit now begins to come
intaction, Deacon Stephen M and Daniel
J Hawkins go to Hudson to be ready, as the court
sits to morrow. There is several more goes out
29th Th this day, of the Brethren and a good many
of the World as evidences for the Deacon.
30th F We have word early this morning that Asa
Moniers Counsel has abandoned the case, as he
can see no grounds to act upon, Monier we have
heard has cleared the Country, therefore our
Brethren have their liberty now to return
Home.

October 1st 1830

1st Fr We recieve another letter from Harvard respec.
ting Our Elders, We learn by this that the
Elder Brother is quite sick abed, this is very
unpleasant news, for we were in hopes that they

would have been able to return home in the course of a week or two, for the time seems long to be deprived of our Elders, However our good Ministry come often to see us and encourage us to be faithful, and the blessings of God will rest upon us. and to labour for a spirit of prayer as it is a time of trouble and great tribulation.

9th S Our Good Eldebrother reaches home this evening. he comes alone with a one horse waggon, he is quite feeble and low, he informs us, that Amos is better and Sally is quite sick, so we must add patience to patience untill they all get home, if it should be the Lords will for them all to return.

16 S We are this day favord with two more of our Elders, Amos and Eldersister, accompanied by Garret and a young Sister from Harvard by the name of Lucy Hammond arive safe here this afternoon, Amos looks like a person wasted with the consumption, Eldersister is very much fatigued and worn down, but her health she says is middling good,

21st S There is quite a distressing accident happens this day, one of the Brethren living in the First Order viz) John Spier, was very unluckily goared badly by a Brass Bull, however it did not prove fatal.

31st D Brother Rufus and those that went with him to Alfred return this afternoon about 4 oclock, having been blessed with good health and prospered in their undertakings since they left home.

November 13th 1830.

13th S To our great joy, Sally Lewis with two more Brethren and two Sisters, reach here this forenoon. Sally has been absent for about 11 weeks., they all laid out to return on the fourth week when they left home, this is a long four weeks. But let us remember, this year is 1830, which is a noteable year for the many accidents and remarkable Events which have taken place among Believers, and throughout the Nations of the

Earth in general. But this much, were thankful for, our Elders have now returned.

14th D Another very distressing accident happens this morning to a Family of Young Believers residing in Canaan, of which James Farnham is the Elder. the accident is as follows While the Family were at breakfast, there is a fire breaks out in the Sisters work shop which consumes pretty much all of the Sisters most valuable clothing and a great deal of new cloth unmade up, besides a great many other things, to numerous to mention in this place; this accident occured in consequence of a small child being left in the room while its Mother stept out a few minutes, the child built a fire in the wood box.—
The Church together with the rest of the Society make liberal donations to the above distressed Family, to replace in some measure the great loss which they have of late sustained. both in Clothing and other necessary things.

December 1830.

There is nothing very uncommon happens in this Month, that I have knowlede of. As far as I am able to gudge, It is a common time of prosperity in things of a spiritual nature. But in relation to Health of the Society it is not as good as it has been at some other periods of time past. There is not so much very serious sickness, as it is a general illness among a great portion of us, hard colds and Influenzas. The Weather since the latter part of Fall and all through this present month has been quite changeable, sometimes quite cold with raw chilly winds, and then again Warm with very heavy rains, which causes, as I think a very unhealthy sort of a steam to rise from the Earth.

As this Month in which I am now writing closes the present Year; It may not perhaps be amiss to mention a few lines. in respect to the

fruits and crops, of the Earth, which, upon the 28th. of June last, presented to the eye of the beholder, a most destructive scene. however there were many things, that the Hail injured much more than it did others. Our gardens Sustained much the greatest injury.

I have the pleasure, yea a great pleasure, to state, in this place, the most favorable smiles of Providence upon the Vegetable World after the storm of the 28th. before mentioned. many things in our garden recovered, so that we have had a possible crop, Our onion seed was chiefly destroyed, and so was the greatest portion of our fruit, those two things yielded but a trifle, Our crops of grass middling, good.

Closing comments upon the Years past. 1830.

It appears to be an established fact, according to the best information we have received, that there has been greater struggels made for the Year past, and are still brewing, to bring about

a system of eaquelization, and an equal chance of education, among all the Children rich and poor, this effort is making, pertickular here in America. And several Nations in Urope have dethroned their Kings, France in a pertickular manner, and Established a sort of a Republican Government, So that the people may enjoy a greater degree of eaquel rights and privalijes than they have formerly had an opperteunity of doing. And this appears to be the feeling among many throughout Christendom, that Mankind were Created upon an eaquel footing, one has as good a right as another, and that this equality ought to be maintained and supported by every well wisher to the Human Family. This is the feeling, that is gaining the ascendency over Tyrany and Oppression—

I will here mention the increase in number for the year past in this Family, or part of this Church, There has been 8 Boys, and 3 Girls all taken raw from the World—

January 1st 1931.

5th W. We commence sawing our wood at the Seconds Families mill. for we have a great flow of water at this present time, our low lands are pretty much inundated. The rains for some time past have been quite frequent, and very heavy.

18th S. The Elder brother John, together with the Elder sister, and two more set out for Watervliet on a Visit.

19th W. Olive Brown, a young Sister, living in the first Order, goese to Cheshire to see her Mother who is quite sick

21st F. A young Man from shirley, by the name of Jonus Nutting, arrives at the Office this afternoon, he has brought some Cod-fish, as a present, for the Believers here at Lebanon. His main errend is to carry home Gideon Hammond, who has been here sick for some time with rheumatism

22nd. Sat. Our good Ministry return this afternoon from Watervliet after an absence of about 6 weeks, they are all in their usual health

24th. M. Rebecah Brown, Mother to the aforementioned young Wampus's deceased Olivia is going to attend the Mothers Funeral. The latter part of this present month has been quite cold with an abundance of snow, the fore part was warm damp weather for winter, and of course unhealthy, but since we have had heavy snows, the health of Believers has much improved, in this place. Things of a spiritual nature about as common, with gradual increase. The Children we think are under a measure of a blessing, increasing in that which is good and virtuous

6th M.

February 1831

6. D. The present gift is for us all to open our mines and labor to do our own souls justice—
Nothing very uncomon happens this month. But a usual time of health and prosperity.

March 1831.

Nothing very extraordinary happens this month, that I have knowlede of.
But I believe I may safely say, that our good Ministry and Elders feel much anxiety for the welfare and prosperity of every soul thats called by the gospel, and especially for those who are call'd to compose the Church. As such are under the greatest of obligations to walk worthey of their privilege, to Arm themselves with patiena and meekness, and be a pattern and an example in that which is

Godly and virtuous. As this Church is the
place whom the feelings of all believers center,
and earnestly look for an example in all things
of importance, both in a spiritual and temporal
nature. And for this purpose, as well as for
our own souls salvation, are we often exorted
to be truely faithful to our calling and trust—
There has been a new regulation established this
months in relation to grain, which is worthey
of notice in this place, the present regulation
is quite different from what it has been for a
great number of years past. the way has formerly been, for every one that wanted grain to go and
get it, and the farmmers always held the control
ll of what grain there was raised upon the farm
to dispose of it as they see fit, without keeping
any correct account, this practice is now left—
The presiding Family Deacons or one of them
is to see all the grain that is used for the stock
kept at their family, correctly measured, and
to keep an accurate account how much, and for
what part of the stock it was used.—

April 1831.

S 9th There is a youngerly Sister comes from the North house, into this Family to live, by the name of Jerusia Smith. She has been a believer about 15 years.

M 18th There is a girl, that has been living at this Order for about a year, by the name of Elenor Perkins carried off to the world this day, her character has been and still is such that she cannot be borne with, amongst believers, She is carried to Albany, and sent from thence up the canal, to Utica.

S 23rd Our good Ministry set out for Waterviet this morning, altho the weather is bad

T 27th The First Order have finished their temporary cooking and dining shed, so that they take dinner in it to day noon for the first time, they have finish'd or there about's in geting all their moveables out of the great House, so that the workmen have taken

out some of the windows and have began to take off the covering from the west side. The weather has been quite wet the greater part of this month, however this season is much more forward, than what it was last spring. There seems to be quite a general time of colds along the latter part of this month, throughtout the Church, tho I believe no cases very serious.

Our physocians have succeeded in geting three of our names in this part of the Church off of the military list, in consequence of poor health, viz) Hyram Rude, Amos Stewart, and Philemon Stewart.

May 1831.

No. 2nd There is a small Girl, by the name of Mary Elizabeth Patterson comes to this Order to live. She has been living with her Mother at James Farnums for some months past.

T. 3rd There is three Children from New York

taken into this Order to live, that is one Boy and two Girls. they are all between the age of 7 and 10. This part of the Church has increased in number very fast, for a year past. there is now 67 in this Order —
Our number for some years past has not been much rising of 50. —
A part of the lot of Elders from Port-Bay arrive to the Office this day, on a Visit —
There has several Families, and parts of Families, this spring come from New-York, and confessed their sins, and set out to obey the Gospel. There appears to be by the accounts which we receive by the aid of News papers a general rupture throughout Europe; The people are rising against their government in almost every station. —

Th 19th There a general alarm by the cry of fire about 12 oclock this day, the coke House at the Triphammer Shop takes fire by a spark from the shop chimney. The fire is extinguished, but not untill the roof

is pretty much distroyed — There is Nothing more very remarkable that I know of happens this month —

June 1831 —

Nothing very uncommon takes place the forepart of this month that I have knowledge of. All find as much busines as they know how to get along with —

Th. 16th We commence the raising of the great House this morning, the weather is rather unfavorable in consequence of being some rain however we continue the busines thro the day, we get all up but the roof —

F 17th This is finished about noon to day, There has a blesing attended us thro this dangerous job, I have no knowledge of any serious accident haponing — The Ministry were all at home, save Eldress Ruth, She did not return from Watervliet with the rest, in consequence of bad health —

S. 13th The Ministry set out for Waterviet this morning This month has been qute dry the forepart of it in a special manner, It is now a general time of health and prosperity throughout the Church, in things both Spiritual and Temporal as far as I have knowledge —

July 1st 1831 —

F. 1st Joseph Babe sen, comes after his son Joseph to go to New York to see his mother, after some considerable labor It is thought best to let him go, as the Boy is not bound therefore we cannot hold him —

F 4th John Dean with 3 Sisters sets out for Providence, the Sisters are in a low State of health — The health of the Brethren and Sisters in the Church is not as good as they have enjoyed for some months past, what we call the summer complaint is now qute prevalant among us —

T. 14th. There is quite a shocking accident happens
at the first Order this afternoon — Isaac
Hammond, who has formerly been one of
our Office Deacons, was precipitated from
a load of hay, and struck head first upon
the ground — He is so badly hurt, that
for him to recover in full is thought nearly
impossible — And his life is considered very
uncertain, For this accident we know
of no particular blame attached to any one —

The weather has been this month
the greater part of the time quite unfav-
-able, to the gathering in of our crops,
such as, are required to be gathered at this
Season of the year

S, 30th. I understand the hired workmen finish
ished clapboarding the Great House about
noon this day —

We have heard considerable unpleasant
news this month, In respect to many in
different Societies, of the younger class
mostly, giving heed to seducing spirits, and

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July Doctrins of Devils, Departing from the Faith and Burning to marry, to day after so long a privilege, of being taught the way of Salvation, and have in some measure been washed from their former sins. have again returned to wallow in their filthiness——

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August
M. 1st. William Fitch, a man rising of thirty years of age, and has had a long privilege In the First Order, has this day about 9 oclock A.M. made that unwise and foolish choice to go to the wicked world, the Broad way to destruction, and gone——

23d J. The body of the Great House is finished for this season——

I believe it may be safely said, that the Church has had, and still do have more to suffer and bear, than in what they have had at any previous date, for several years past, In consequence of there being many of the World to work at the new building, and some to work

August. among the Brethren, also the Brethren and
1831. Sisters are very much broken up and scattered
as to their dwelling places, which all know
who have had much experience, has a tendancy to scatter the sense and feeling, and makes
it much harder to keep a gift sufficent to
protect the soul. And moreover, the spirit
of stupidity muniness, opposition and dispention
strives hard to find an inroad into the Church
Every good Believer knows, that those who
are the most faithful, always feel the
greatest weight of tribulation, when they
are sensible there is eminent danger, of many
souls suffering great loss.

I shall now close the Month. as to Training, there has some few been warned, several
have procured certificates from the surgeon,
and the rest still hold their residence out
of the State— There has been a great deal
of sickness in the Church for the month
past, the weather has been quite hot and
sultry, the main part of the time—

1831. As to the outward concerns of the Church in general, they have evidently been under a blessing, our crops so far as we have gathered them, have yielded fruitfully both upon our farms and in our gardens—

Our good Ministry and Elders, yea every good believer, have been in a constant labor to increase the good fruits of the spirit also in every age and class, where the least spark of Faith hath taken root—

September 1831—

There has nothing of any great importance Taken place this month that I have knowledge of, On the 1st of this month there was some change made in the lot of Family Deacons in the first Order, of which I will mention in its order—

1st. Molly Smith a Sister who has been in care for many years past, is now released Edward Fowler, and Samanthy Fairbanks are now placed in the lot of Family

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Deacons, as overseers in the Temporal line, providing for the Family and soon. They are both of the younger by class — Edward has for several years previous officiated as a foreman on the Farm — It now devolves upon Daniel Bowler a young man about 21 years of age —

14th W. Our good Ministry have this afternoon returned from Watervliet, in middling good health —

There has been considerable weakness of body in the Church the Summer past, and of course there is considerable riding out for health and refreshment this fall. Israel H, remains entirely helpless and I know of no nourish in anxiety, hopeless as to his ever recovering the full use of his limbs again —

We have attended for the Summer past, Sabbath afternoon Meeting generally with the first Order at the Meeting House, as they have had no other place, in which they could conveniently assemble, in consequence of the repairing of their Dwelling House, we have and still do meet with them, considering it to be a great privilege —

October. 1931.

1st Sat. Elder Ebenezer has been quite sick for several days past, The health of the Church otherwise, is about middling

19th W. There has this morning about 9 o'clock a very sudden Death happened to a young Sister in the First Order, by the name of Sarah Knight, aged about 23. She fell Dead upon the floor, while at the Brethrens Brick Shop, Boys Room, puting some clothes in Order. She had observed but a short Time previous to her Death, how well she felt; many observed that she was uncommonly lively all the morning.

20th T. The Funeral of the above Deceased Sister was attended at the Meeting House 1 o'clock this afternoon. The whole Society has liberty to attend, or as many as desire so to do, also many of the World, they are mostly such as we have hired to work for us. The Funeral is past off in a very Solle-

October 1831. mn manner, there was a Song also sung at the grave, commencing thus. Low down the beautiful Valley, &c.—

Elder Ebenezer, is now look'd upon by the Physicians to be very dangerously sick— The Elder Brother David Miller, of Watervleit, is here, exerting his still also, toying to cure him— It now is a time of great Suffering and Tribulation In the Church— and I do not know as I run a risk in saying, in the Society at large—

5th W. David Taylor, a young man about 23 years of age, who has had a privilege here in the Church for 11 years, on Wenesday the fifth of this month made known to his Elders, that he has made his choice to go to the World. accordingly, his things were gathered together, and he leaves here about 1 o'clock P.M.—

9th S. Samuel Reas the first Deacon at Watervliet Deceased after a short illness—

October. 1931. This Month has been a time of rather uncommon sufferings in the Church, in various manners, Internally, and Externally.——

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Elder Ebenezer is gradually gaining Israel Hammond is no better, remains quite helpless— The Elder brother David Miller of Waterviet. came down the 20th of last Month, to help nurse and take care of Elder Ebenezer, and stayed untill the fifth of this Month

12th S. Somewhere along about this date Our Brethren get a grant to Build a New Cowhouse, and put an addeition on to the Sheep Barn— They calcut ate to get the timber cut this fall, and draw it, the coming Winter.——

21st M. There has this day one of the Sisters

November 1931. of this Family by the name of Sally Smith
been removed to the First Order. She is
about 28 years of age, She has Officiated
as one of the Deaconesses in the Family
three years last April. Joanna Vining
a Sister rising of 30, has now taken the
place, which the above mentioned has
left. ———————

22nd F. We are now visited with a heavy snow
storm, near two feet in depth —
Elder Ebenezer is gradually gaining, altho
he remains quite lame yet.

24th D. There was rather a singular circumstan
ce happened this day, however singular, we
believe it was a real good one and ought to
be noticed, Jonathan Wood, and the two
Deaconesses. got liberty to come and attend
meeting with us this afternoon, We feel
more of a gift than we have before for
some time, they expres much satisfaction
and comfort in assembling with us at this
time, we believe it will be productive of more

November 1931. of more union between the members and and those who Officiate in this Office, and this is one very essential point to be gained In Order, that things may prosper in a Temporal line, as well as spiritual. We have had good sleighing here, since the 22nd of this Month, and it has been well improved in hauling timber and wood and so on—

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I commence this Month by stating that for some time past, for some reason or other, has been rather uncommon for accidents happening, in cutting, planing and sawing fingers, Jambs and bruises &c together with a great deal of weakness of Body in the Church, and considerable sickness in our good lot of Ministry, which must of course cause a good deal of bearing—

15th Thurs. We have this day received the Sollemn tedings of ~~Father~~ our beloved Father Jobs Death, by one of the Brethren living at Canterbury

who arrived here this afternoon, by the name of Levi Stephens. He Departed this Life on the 5th (inst) at a quarter before 12 (P M) The letter which we have recvd states, that he was quite lively and cheerful, the evening previous to his Departure, he retired to rest about 10, apparently in his usual health, at about 11 he began to feel considerably distressed for breath. Elder Benjamin W. and the Sisters arose, and called their physician, but to no purpose, he left breathing at a quarter before 12 apparently as easy as a person would sink into a quiet sleep. Just before he breathed his last he very distinctly uttered the following words, Remember Me. Father was a Parent beloved by all while living and lamented by all at his Death, notwithstanding his advanced age rising of 70. He has been the Father and first Elder of those two Societies Canterbury and Enfield for more than 40 years. Thus has terminated the mortal Existance of the last

December 1831. of Our Spiritual Parents, appointed by Father Joseph, M, and Mother Lucy W. Just before his Funeral. Elder Elisha Porter, who is the first man in the Society at Alfred State of Maine arrived just in season to see the Corpse. He came on purpose to counsel with Father respecting some important matters. but to his great sorrow, he found Father was no more in the body. While labouring under a considerable weight of grief and sorrow, in consequence of being deprived of the opportunity of conversing with him; he retired to rest, and shortly after he had dropt into a quiet sleep. Father appeared, and conversed in a very familiar manner, upon all those subjects for which he had come to see him, and towards the close of their conversation, Father exclaimed O the Young People, O the Young People Elder Elisha, you must stir up the Elders, to labour for a ministration

December 1831. of Life to the Young People, and Departed—

Upon the 12th of this month John Dean a man between 30 and 40 years of age who has been in the business of Peddling for some time past, was appointed to live in the Office as one of the Trustees— He is one of the Younger class of Believers— Elizabeth Lovegrove, a Sister, probably about the same age, is also placed in that lot. They have both lived in the First Order, for many years past.

31st " The Ministry set off this morning for Watervliet. It has been nearly 16 weeks since they were there, by reason of Elder Ebenezers illness. He has now so far recovered as to be able to get around some, altho he is quite lame yet.

I shall now make a few concluding remarks for the Year past—

As our spiritual travil, and increase in the Gospel, is of all importance to us, This must of course, require our first attention, or at least ought to. The Season past has been one, in Which the Church, or more propperly the

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first part of the Church, has been very much broken and scattered, in consequence of repairing their principal Dwelling House also many workmen, of the World, whome we have hired, have been to work all the season right in the Heart of the Church. which thing all know must be, both burdensome, and unfavorable for Believers, as it respects their keeping a right sense of their duty in the Gospell, and increasing in the same— But it is pleasing to state, notwithstanding the above mentioned difficulties which the Church has laboured under the Summer past, We now begin to awaken, to a more lively Sense of our duty in the work of God, labouring to find a further increase, than we have hitherto found— The gift of Humiliation and Repentance is what we are cautiously seeking after— and this fills our Souls with simplicity and meekness, Godly, joy and sorrow, and in this state, all feel free to improve in the.

Decembr. 1ᵗʰ31. Gifts of God, so that our Meetings are beginning to wear more and more of a coast Heavenly aspect, This part of the Church has been gradually growing for the Year past— we have taken in two grown people and 6 Children— There has one of the young Sisters removed from this into the first Order— And there has one of the young Brethren removed himself to the World flesh and Devil—

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1ˢᵗ, D. It is now a time of acting out anew with us, we intend to be much better the year to come, than we have ever been heretofore, this determination has been made publickly known in general, Every one feels Zealously engaged to bring about the desired increase in their own souls—

13ᵗʰ F. John Spier Departed this life 10 minutes before 6 this evening. he has lived in

January 1832

The First Order for a great number of years, perhaps between 30 and 40, It may truly may be said of him, he has been one of those happy few, who endure faithful to the End of their days—

1st 4th S. There has this day, been 14 of Our Brethren of the Society at Watervliet taken and imprisoned in the Albany Jail for refusing to do Military duty or to pay any equivolent therefor— many of the Albany Citizens have drawn up a petition and presented it to the Governor, Enos T Throop— requesting him to Extend his pardoning power to the believers now in jail but he absolutely refuses, So they will have to remain 14 days, this answers the Law—

2 5th S. Hannah Shapley Departed this Life at half past 9 oclock this evening. She has Officiated in the First Order as one of the Family Deaconesses for near 30 years past. She has always been a faithful Believer. beloved and respected by all—

January 1832. There has been 3 Deaths, this month at the Hill Family. all of the aged class.

February 1832.

February. 1832. There has been several Deaths this Month in the First Order, the time of their departure and also their names will be found in the daily journal, No, 1. The influenzy has been quite severe throughout the Society.

15th W. The Ministry returned home this day from Waterford. They are generally comfortable, with few exceptions. There has been no Reprobate crapes stirring up against Believers in these parts for some time that I have heard of. Therefore we now enjoy a rest as respects that matter, at present.

Nothing very romarkable has occured this Month.

March 1832.

March 1832. There has nothing very extraordanary taken place, the fore part of this month to my knowledge. save a very heavy flood which occured on the 11th and 12th. We learn

March 1832 by the aid of newspapers. that it has proved one of the greatest calamities of the kind, ever known in the Country. It has caused, incalculable lopes especially along the shores of the Hudson. The State of Ohio, was also visited last month, with a still worse one. if pooible the Ohio River, rose 70 feet above low water mark. There was several Villiages along inun dated, the inhabitants were obliged to flee to the high grounds to save their lives, the papers speak that an immeance number of buldings have been swept away, and among the rest, there was one Meeting House seen on its float to New Orleans Steeple an all erect. We have also seen the account of an indi vidual, who positively avers to that he counted 69 Houses afloat in one day, down the river.

22nd F. Calvin Green, who has Officiated as the first Elder, in the Young believers Order, for 10 or 12 yeas past, is this day releas'd from his burden of care in that Order, and gather'd in to the First Order

March 1832. as a privet member, to enjoy the satisfaction of a retired life more. he is a man rather past the prime of life say between 50 and 60 years of age. as to oratory endowment he is surpassed by none among believers— We have been visited this month with a disorder, called the stinking measles, they have gone pretty thoroughly thro the Society in general— It has been a general time of prosperity in the Church and Society the month past.

April 1832.

There has nothing very uncommon occured this present month to my knowledge— But it has been a busy time for all with both heart, and hands, that is, all who would improve it rightly, The weather has been quite as favourable for Vegitation as common, in the month of April—

May 1832.

May 1832.

The weather this present month has been quite cold and backward Vegitation has put forth but slowly. There has no very remarkable occurance taken place to my knowledge this month. We have been prospered very much in our outward undertakings, and I know nothing but what the inward work also has been attended to.

June 1832.

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The Harvard Ministry arived the 24th of last month, they were all in tolerable health they have since that time been visiting round in different Families

1st. Some of our Ministry have been South as far as Williamstown, to escort the Canterbury Ministry to this place, for their Yearly Visit. They arrive at the Office a little before 9 o'clock this evening, all in good health, I am told.

The Harvard Ministry leave here on the 6th of this month for Watervliet. they were accom-

June 1932 ...panied as far as Sandy Lake by our Elders. The weather has been more favourable for Vegetation, than it was last month — The Howard Ministry

19th M. Left this place for home, loaded with much love and blessing for their People —

20th W. The Canterbury Ministry set out this morning for Home. they were accompanied by Elder Ebenezer and some Sisters 12 or 14 miles on their journey — It has been a general time of prosperity the month past throughout the Believers in this place, as far as I have been able to learn —

July 1932.

I have not much of importance to write respecting the Month past, as it respects extraordinary occurrences amongst believers; for all matters have gone on apparently under a good degree of blessing and prosperity; And the Society now enjoys good health, and has for the Season past thus far, We understand that the Believers at

July 1832. Watervliet have been under the necessity of taking some respectable Characters from the City of Albany to board for a Season, untill the City again becomes healthy. It is generally believed by the world of Mankind, as well as by believers that this fatal disease that is now scourging through the Land, is sent as a Judgement upon the Inhabitants of the Earth for their sin and wickedness——

Notwithstanding the shortness of the time which is not much over six weeks, since this Epidemic called the Colera first entered this State It has allready swept thousands into Eternity.

August. August 1832.

The First Order are now beginning to move into their Dwelling House. There has nothing very extraordinary taken place the month past to my knowledge——

Our Crops are near one fortnight later in general, this Season, than what they were last. This Season has been thus

August 1932. far, unusually wet, and very changeable as to its tempreture, of heat and cold. As to fruit, it appears now that we shall have but very little this Season of any kind. The Society continues to enjoy a good degree of health and bleping, as far as I have knowledge.

September 1932.

I have nothing of any very great importance to mention, as it respects matters that have taken place this month, Yet I can state with great pleasure, that as far as I have had knowledge, there has been a bleping throughout the Church and Society in general, in things both Spiritual and Temporal. It is now a general time of health among Believers in this place.

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This Month has been principally occupied

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that is by many, in gathering the fruits of the Earth, such as Potatoes and Apples, and soon. Our Orchards have been gradually decreasing for a number of years past, so that our quantity of fruit this Season is very small. I shall here mention a few words respecting our Orchards, and what the Sense in general was, especially of those who were mostly employed in saving the fruit, at the time when our Orchards most visibly began to decline. Something like 6 or 7 years ago, our Orchards were uncommonly loaded with fruit. insomuch that the Church made from 900 to 1000 barels of cider, besides storing our cellars full of such kinds of apples as would keep thro winter. The gathering and making in to cider this vast Crop of Apples, of course took untill quite late in the season, as well as a great deal of labor, Which, instead of working a feeling of thankfulness for the abundance that God had blessed us with, many, yea, very many, gave away to a feeling of unthankfulness, and ingratitude to God, together with murmering and complaining

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for that which he had given us for a wise purpose to do good with. According to the observation of the writer, this failing of unthankfulness was principally confined among the Youngerly Class, who had never undergone the labour, sweat and toil of laying a foundation for those good things and perhaps, who had never learnt, that one, and all important point, to be thankful for every blessing of God, both in things Spiritual and Temporal and let nothing be lost thro carelessness or neglect of duty. This was thoroughly taught by our first Parents, and impressed upon the minds of those who were the first builders, and foundation layers, of every Temporal blessing, which the Younger class do now enjoy. The same instructions have continued thro every Ministration, from our First Parents, to the present day. But as the greatest part of the Elderly class of believers who received the gospel from Mother Ann, and those with her, have for many years since, departed this life, and the vacancies together with an additional number been filled with the Youngerly class, who, at

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the time of their seting out to obey the gospel knew but very little of its requirements respecting these things, and since that time have never knew the want of Bread, or of any of the neceparies of life, may in some measure account for the reason why such a lavish and wasteful sense has so much increas'd amongst a great portion of the Youngerly class, now within a few years

The writer has alluded to the Orchards in a perticular manner, Because it is very evident that they have been on the decline, ever since the time before mentioned, when the fruit became such a burden, We now begin to be very much pinched for fruit enough to make our Families comfortable, especially, for kitchen use. I well remember of hearing now within a few years, it repeatedly mentioned by some of the Older class, that there would no blessing attend, where such a wasteful and lavish sense ruled, and as it went with one thing, so it would naturally incline to go with all, until such times, as we were brought to that State of want

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wherein, we could see and feel the need of those things, that we have carelessly and willingly by us have wasted, when God has blessed us with them—

The foregoing declarration agrees with with the Testimony of Our Parrents and Elders who have gone before us, and we now begin to see it verified, I very much fear, that we shall be left to fel its verification, to the full extent and that too, in the course of a few years, Unless the Sense and feeling of the rising generation should meet with a very great change,

and learn this one thing, That Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of Rams, That the good Order, and counsel, and instructions, that have been given us from time to time, and still are, must be kept, Or we do in vain look, for the Blessing of God to rest upon us, either in thing Spiritual or Temporal—

O, that, we might all learn to be willing and Obedient. then we should eat the fat of the land, and reap the good fruits of

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the spirit. Are there not thousands of poor Creatures In the World, Suffering for the necessaries of life, upon whome, if we had any thing to spare we might bestow Alms, out of that or the avails of that which we had saved by being so careful to see that nothing was lost by neglect. agreable to that which we have been taught from the begining, I say, might we not bestow Alms upon these poor creatures, out of this, and recieve our reward in Heaven for it. Can any soul deny, but what this is agreable to the Gospel Christ and Mother taught, to give to him that needeth, and to him that asketh turn not empty away, to clothe the naked, and feed the Hungry and not turn a deaf ear to the Cries of the distressed, but help them, That when we are in distress, God may hear our cryes, and help us. If the tender feelings of my soul are ever awakened, it is at such times, as when I have it in my power to allevrate the want of the poor and distressed, either in soul or body— And In this I have always felt a blesing, and I am confident

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I always, shall— I have mentioned but few things out of many, that have for a long time prest with weit upon my mind. If The writer knows the feelings of his own soul, they are, to keep and endure faithful in the work of God, to the End of his days To help, and be helpt and so learn the Gospel of salvation, as others have learnt it before him.

I would that my own soul, together with every other soul, thats called by the gospel of Christ, might feel and sense the importance of having these few following words implanted in their souls, and ever fresh in their memory. To save every thing that God has blest us with, let nothing be lost, that is in our power to save. For all these things come by the bleging of God and they must not be lost. This certainly is needful at the present time as much as it ever was, not only to preserve the consecrated prosperity, but to ensure a fruitful and prosperous travil in the Spiritual work of God

19th Fr Milton H Robinson Departed this

this life 25 minutes past 11 (A M) he is a little over 25 years of age, and has been declining with the consumption for more than 5 years past. for further particulars respecting him, look in the daily Journal, No. 1, page 219 — It has been a time of much prosperity, In the Church the month past

November 1832.

There has nothing very remarkable taken place this Month to my knowledge but Believes have been under a good degree of prosperity and blessing throughout the month. We have had information by way of the Newspapers, that the cholera and Yellow Fever, is sweeping off in New Orleans from 200 to 300 souls in a day. The papers state that some nights, there had more than 100 dead bodies laid in the burying ground unintered. and the stanich had become so great, that 10 dollars per day was insufficient to hire a person to work digging

November 1932. graves for the dead. It appears to be a disorder that strikes the heaviest & where the most sickness prevails.

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As to Spiritual matters, I have the pleasure to State, that there has never been so much of an awakening, in the true genuine spirit of the Gospel, In this part of the Church since my remembrance, The Gifts of God have been poured down upon us in abundance In song, and in various other manners, One of the Young Brethren saw in open Vision, and conversed with a Young Man by the name of Milton who Deceased but a short time since, This awakening of which I am speaking, has universally with us, been attended with an uncommon solemn feeling, yet heavenly. (I hope it will continue) As to other things in general, it has been a common time of prosperity, so far as I

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have knowledge, It has been quite as healthy as common, and I think rather more so, the month past

January 1933.

We hail the return of the New Year with feeling of gratitude of thankfulness, that we have been made partakers of the rich blessings of God and enabled to sense, and realize, to a good degree that ever present, and Protecting Hand of Divine Providence, which ever has been, and always will be, the stay and supporter of all who Fear God, and work righteousness in all their goings forth, in things both Spiritual and Temporal. And in this sense of thankfulness and gratitude, we enter upon the duties of a New Year, Praying that our course thro the rolling season, may be marked with Peace and Virtue

There has nothing very ~~very~~ extraordinary taken place this month, In the Church

January 1933

or among Believers in general to my knowledge But the weather has been very uncommon, there has been no snow to make sleighing, and the weather some of the time has been warm enough for common Summer weather, and some of the time quite cold. It has been quite healthy among believers in general the month past.

February. 1933.

February 1933.

I have but little to write respecting this month, as there has been no very extraordinary occurance to my knowledge There has been considerable many colds and influenzis, but nothing very serious— Brother Seth Y Wells arived home upon the 20th of this month, from his tower round to the East, regurlating school affairs. He was accompanied home by two Brethren from New Enfield, (Ct.) James Jewet and Joseph Garland

February 1833

I mentioned something in the previous month, respecting quite a stir in religious matters in this part of the Church, especially among the young, it has had a good effect and the effect still continues, altho the great flow of songs has measurably ceased, until we have time to use and improve those already given. It cannot reasonably be expected that Believers can at all times feel and keep the same lively and Zealous sensation of the gospel, that they can at others, especially such times, as when the yearly sacrifice is called for, by reason, that every good revival comes thro' deep labor of mind, and heavy tribulation, which works both sorrow and thankfulness in the soul, which never fails to produce a lively sensation of our duty to God and to each other.—

March 1833.

6th W. Moral Baker ons. attempted to commit suicide this day a little before 12 (A M)

March 1833. by making a large encission across his throat with a razor, however he did not succede in cuting any one of the large arteries therefore faild in his design, Garret K L was immediately call'd, and dress'd the wound, Doctor Right was also sent for but was absent, however he shortly afterwards came. and said the wound was well dress'd It was judg'd he bled about a quart—

It is quite evident that he attempted the rash act, in consequence of his feeling horror and torment of Soul to that degree, which had rendered his very life a grevious burden to him— And this for reasons, which I shall not mention here for they are specified according to my understanding, in the daily Journal, (No) 2 page 36—

There has no other very extraordanary occurence taken place this month to my knowledge. But has been a general time of health and prosperity among the

faithful, as far as I have been able to learn, with but common exceptions.—

April 1933.

4/11. D There has been an important change made in the First Order, The Elder brother John Farington, and the Elder Sister Rachal Spencer, were both releas from the Eldership, this day, It has been done according to their own request, They have stood first in the Eldership for near 40 years. and have of course, both become quite advanced, rising of 70 years of age Brother Daird Meacham, has succeed the Elder brother, And Sister Olive Spencer, the Elderoister.—

Daniel Boler, a young man about 29 years of age, and Betsey Bates a Woman about 35. have been placed to live with the above— Brother John Farington, (for this is the title which he

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now bears) has set an example worthy of imitation by all, who may hapen to meet with any change of the like; So has Sister Rachel also. They have both retired from the Eldership, and gone in to the Family, where they labor to unite and spirt union with the common members just as free and sociable as tho they had always been no more than equals with them, this is according to my observation. And if this does not show the true mark, of a great and noble mind, Then I am utterly ignorant of the sign. For they have faithfully discharg'd, the duties incumbent on the lot which they have filled, to the full satisfaction of the Ministry and all concern And have come out of that place, loaded with honor and respect from every faithful true hearted Believer ——

14th Dl Moral Baker ~~son~~ Departed this life about 5 oclock this morning—

Nothing more of moment, for the month past to my knowledge, But it has been a time of general prosperity throughout the Believers in this place

May 1833.

I have nothing of any great importance to mention this month But it has been a general time of prosperity among Believers, throughout, so far as I have been able to learn

16th We have this day taken two Girls into this Order to live. Their names are as follows, Sally Dow, 9 years old the 19th of last February. Nancy Dow 5 years old the 6th of December last past. Their Parrents reside in the Town of Hancock, Massachusetts, from which place, the children were

May 1933. brought, by their Parrents among Believers, and here lawfully and legally bound, as I have been informed.—

June 1933.

No very extraordinary occurance has taken place this month, to my knowledge, however the perticulars of all matters of importance will be found in the Daily Journal. So I shall say but little in this place concerning this month.

29th F. The Ministry returned home from off their Eastern journey after an absence of just one months, all in their usual health.—

July 1933.

Matters in general have been under a good degree of Bleping and prosperity I know of no very serious accident having occured

July 1933

or any very important changes made this Month, but all matters have gone on with their usual degree of calmness and composure. We have taken on the 22nd of this Month, two girls, from the Town of Chatham, By the names of Mary Frances Crocker and Eliza Ette Crocker, the former 6 the 27th of October last, and the latter 3 years of age the 17th of January last past.

August 1933.

August 1933

This Month has been very busily improved in gathering in our Crops of hay and grain, which in general has been quite plentiful. The Season has been uncommonly wet thus far, and I might with great propriety say, uncommonly fruitful. The Society has been remarkably healthy the month past with but very few exceptions, for which we are often Exorted by the Ministry and

August 1933.

Elders to be thankful to God for, as this comes next in worth to the Gospel, so our Parents before us have invariably taught, and we have, or ought to have learnt, to prize it as such.

September 1933.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.* For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shal not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall the light of the stars of Heaven withdraw their shining, for the Lord shall be thy everlasting brightness, and the days of thy

* Isaiah 55th chp 7th verse

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mourning shall be heard—

But if the Wicked continue to do wickedly then will I seperate him, as the worthless cockle from the precious Wheat— For their iniquities have separated between them and their God, and their sins have hid his face from them, that he will not hear. Yea, they have chosen their own way, and caused their own destruction, Therfore I have given them over to a Reprobate spirit. Here, to be numbered with the Transgressors—

There was a young Man living in the First Order, who had been brought up among believers, from his early Childhood left the way of God upon the 5th of this Month— by the name of Peter Peterson And some more of the younger class, in different parts of the Society, have gone off within a few months past—

October 1833.

October 1833.

This month has been very busily employed in gathering our pertatoes and apples and soon. But the weather has been uncomonly wet insomuch that the Ministry felt a gift for the whole Society to unite and Pray for good weather; This gift happened on the 22nd of this month, and we have had good weather ever since—
upon the 13th of this month there was a general gift for all to open their mind and set out to live more according to the pure principals of the gospel 2

November 1833.

There has nothing very remarkable taken place this month, all matters appear to be, in about their usual condition. There does not appear to be so much anxiety, in general, to labor and seek after the real true bread

and waters of life, As there has been at some former periods, at least the writer thinks so, perhaps it is mainly in tuned.

December 1833.

Upon the 12th of this month the Elder brother John Farrington Departed this life at half past three in the morning. Aged about 73 years. He believed in the first opening. and has been an Elder in the first Order the most part of the time, since the Church was gathered.

The particulars respecting the above Deceases Funeral, will be found in the daily journal No. 2. 144th page.

The present year is now far spent. I shall therefore make a few closing remarks—

The Church and Society in general, have been prospered in their

undertakings, and blessed with a good degree of health the year past. There seems to be, and has been for several years past a good deal among Believers of one thing and another that has a tendancy to naturalize the sense, and rather draw back instead of preping forward. But it is evident, the Ministry and Elders feel great anxiety that the Believers, and especially the Church, would labor more for that which is Spiritual and be less swallowed up with natural, or Temporal things.

January 1834.

It has been a general time of health and prosperity in the Church, and I may say in the Society in general, with the exception of three in the First Order that have been for some time declining in the consumption

January 1834 those we do not expect will survive thro the coming spring, their names are as follows Elder Sister Olive Spencer. Selah Draper and Olive Fairbanks. Amos Jewet an aged brother is also quite feeble, it is not expected that he will continue many months.

10th F. Noah Wheaton Departed this life at half past 4 this morning. he was hard on upon 90 years of age, he has lived in this Order nearly ever since the Church was gathered.

14th T. There has been a little change made among the Sisters in this part of the Church. Joana Vining was released from the Deacons lot, and Rhoda Blake substituted in her stead. Sally Thomas was also released from the Nurses lot, and Sarah Ann Lewis placed therein, all 4 of the above are of the younger class.

February 1834.

I have nothing very extraordinary to mention in this month. Believers have in general

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as far as I can learn, been prospered in their daily avocations, together with an increasing growth of love and thankfulness to god for the gospel, and for that chain of union, that causes Believers in different Societies to feel near and dear to eachother. The nearness of feeling in love and union, between this Society and that at Handcock, has very essentially increased within a year past, there has been frequent Visits from one to the other which has had a good effect. May it continue Brother Rufus was one day this Winter going over there, on an errand, and he took a little honey and gave it to the Elders as a present. and told them it was to strengthen the union, I was informed, that, that honey, next morning While the Family were at breakfast, was dealt out a tea spoonful to every individual with an adress from the Elder brother upon the occasion, which drew forth tears from almost every eye. This, I think will serve to show, that there is a thirst for the union of the spirit

March 1934.

We have had 4 Funerals to attend this month, at the First Order, I will mention them, together with some other changes as they took place.

3rd M.) Betsey Darrow was this evening placed at the head of the Meeting upon the Sisters side. She is a Woman that has been brought up in the Church from her Childhood and was 56 years of age the 12th of last August She probaly will not receive the title of Eldersister, until the Eldersister Olive has Deceased, which in all probability must be in a very short time.

17th F.) Olive Fairbanks Departed this life at about 3 oclock this morning, after a tedious and protracted sickness. She was about 72 years of age, and has been brought up from a small child in the First Order, and was a young Sister much belovd by all. This statement was corroborated at her Funeral, by the Elders.

19th 1) Amos Jewet Departed this life about 5 o'clock P.M, in the 82nd year of his age, he was one that was called in the First opening, and gathered into the Church at its first commencement, and has always remained faithful to the very hour of his death, an example of kindness, piety and moderation, considerate in all his movements. much was said at his Funeral, to impress upon the minds of all present, the necessity of labouring to treasure up, and Pattern after his good examples, and God like virtues, with wich his soul was replete while living. The Elder brother David mentioned one thing, which, he said had lain, with a good deal of weight upon his mind, ever since it was mentioned to him by the Deceased, which was but a few days before he was confined with his last sickness. It was In relation to being saving and prudent. He said to the Elder brother one day while at the shop, that he had felt considerable of a burden upon

March 1934 his mind for some time past, and he did not feel free to leave this world until he had opened it. As he had been blessed with an opportunity while in his younger days of hearing Our first Mother and the Elders with her, speak very particular in relation to these very things, which had caused the burden he now felt. he said he had often times observed, that the Young in especial manner, would eat apples and throw the parings, and cores together with the seeds ~~into~~ into the fire, he said it hurt his feelings; he said, he thought that all ought to consider, that these things were given to us, by the blessing of God— and Our First Parents testimony was, ~~let~~ let nothing be lost, or wasted, that was in our power to save. he, furthermore said he thought that a bushel of apple seeds was as good for the hogs as a bushel of corn: and he was always taught by Our Parents, that if he saw one kernel of Corn laying where it would

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be liable to be wasted or trodden under foot to pick it up and save it; and so in relation to every thing; for he was invariably taught by Our First Parents that the only way to ensure the blessings of God to rest upon us, was to be very careful with what he had already blessed us with. The Elder brother said, that ever since the Deceased had spoken of this to him, he had kept a little dish in the shop, and saved all the cores and parings, and carried them, and put them in the swill for the hogs, and he exorted the rest of his Brethren to do in like manner, altho it was small, yet it was something worth observing.

Such we may see is the testimony and principle that has grown up with those, that received the gospel from Mother, and those with her.——

22nd S. The Elder sister Olive Spencer, In the First Order, Departed this life a little past 12 oclock last night, after a long and protracted illness.

March. We attended her Funeral on the following
1934 day, at 1 oclock P M, all the Elders in the Society
attended. The Ministry took the lead of the meeting
The Deceased was about 55 years of age, and one
that was belovel and respected by every good
beleiver. For further particulars, look in the
daily Journal, No.^{br} 3, page fourth —

23rd D. Selah Draper Deceased this morning at
a quarter past 5 oclock, She has lived in the First
Order ever Since She came out of the Office which
has been 16 or 17 years.

24th Tu. We attended the Funeral of the above Deceased
this morning at 9 oclock, The meeting was qute
Sollemn, and the speaking affecting. Betsey Darrow
A Woman about 57 years of age, Was establishe
By the Munistry while at this Funeral, as to be
the Elder sister in the First Order —

April 1934.

This month has been ocupied in spliting up our
wood, and puting things in order, accorching as

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we have been taught, that we may be able to feel more of a blessing. A good degree of blessing and prosperity has attended Believers in this place throughout, that is as far as I have had knowledge

6 1/4 D. The Church met together at the meeting house this afternoon, for the First time this Season. The Ministry think we had better meet thro' the Summer, as often as every other Sabbath when the weather will admit.

May 1834.

This Month has been very backening to Vegitation in general, cold, raw and sometimes freezing weather. As to Spiritual things I know nothing but what it has been a general time of prosperity. however there has been some individuals, in the Society, who have not prospered, in consequence of their own evil works, and of course as they would not leave them off, have gone to the World of wickedness; this is much better than to make a sacreligious mockery of their sacred

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calling, and give their profession the lie. which is the case with all those who have no intention to take up their cross, but still wish to remain among Believers.—

June 1834.

Brother Rufus Bishop, and Isaac N. Youngs set out upon the 2nd and 3rd of this month, that is from here, for the Westward. They both started on together from Watervliet upon the 5th. It is calculated for them to visit every Society in the Western Land.

It has been a time of health and prosperity in general throughout Believers in this place, the month past.—

July 1834.

There has been nothing of a very Extraordinary nature taken place

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the Month past to my knowledge. We are often, (yea very often) Excorted by both Ministry and Elders, to labor more for the spirit of meekness and simplicity, such as becomes the Children of God. Then we shall be able to love and to bless one another. This will add greatly to our comfort and happiness here, and hereafter, as we have been taught from the beginning.—

August. 1934.

This has been a very laborious month especially for the Brethren It has been very pleasant weather in general, and this has made it all the better for gathering in the crops of grain and grass. We have necessarily been a good deal broken in relation to our meetings, yet I believe there has

August 1834 a good degree of love and union subsisted between the Brethren and Sisters in general. The Sisters have certainly taken unwearied pains to make the Brethren comfortable as far as they could, And I believe the Brethren have in general felt the same feeling towards them.

September 1834.

Business, and things in general have gone about as usual, There has been no great outclearing, or ingathering, save some Children are occasionly caried off and others taken inn. As to the Season it has been very dry thus far uncommonly so. There has been no great stir, or anything like a revival, for a considerable time It is true we have been cumbered about with Temporal things very much the Season past, thus far,

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But I am in hopes the time is Drawing near when a true reveval in Spiritual things will take place in reality. I certainly feel great need of it for one, and I do not think that my feelings are alone. It seems as though the very spirit of the matter we had not as yet come at. I am sensible for one, I have much, yea, very much yet to do, before I can find myself in that situation. my soul very much desires —— to be in.

October 1834.

There has been several hard cases of the Fever in this part of the Church this Month. on the 29th Polly Thomas aged about 36 Departed this life. It has been quite a time of sufferings with us this fall, more than common.

October 1934

There has been some few cases of the Fever at the second Family—
Brother Rufus and Isaac Youngs returned home from the Westward upon the 18th of this Month, in very good health considering the vast distance they have been, and the laboriousness of their labors—

November 1934.

Nothing very uncommon has taken place in this Month to my knowledge, some sickness remains lingering along, as there most generally is—
Things in general have been under their usual degree of prosperity and blessing—

December 1934.

There has been an uncommon heavy searching, and penetrating Gift, for

December souls to dig deep, and bring to light, without
1834. disguise, or covering, every hidden iniquity
of their heart, and not to flinch until
the work was fully, and thoroughly
accomplished, tho' it take one, twice
thrice, or more. This Gift has taken
effect. and no one, that has been faithf-
-ul to improve in this gift, can for a
moment doubt, the goodness and mercy
of God to the soul in the Present work,
And all who are faithful, to observe and
keep the council and Instruction of
Our Good Ministry and Elders, will,
thereby be enabled, to walk on more
pure and Holy ground the year to
come, than what they have ever heretofore
done, For all such as sincerely try to
help themselves, will find help of God
in his People, and that, in due time,

Concluding remarks for the year
1834. In several of the Families
there has been considerable sickness

the fall past especially in this part of the Church. however it may be said with the above exception, that it has been a Season of good health and general prosperity throughout Believers in these parts —

All kinds of tree fruit was entirely cut off by the cold weather in the month of May last. however I think we have made out very well thus far to live comfortable enough. —

January 1835.

This Month has been improved in a spiritual line, By Believers in this place, in purgeing out the old leven. that is digging to the bottom of their hearts, and purging out every evil, and leave no nest egg for the Devil to lay to, and I believe the most part have felt Zealously engaged in this work —

February 1835.

This Month has been improved much as the former. I think there has been a good degree of blessing and prosperity attended all our labors in things Spiritual and Temporal, so far as I have been able to learn. The Church have been laboring very earnestly of late, to gather into the true foundation Order of singing, as a great portion of us never have as yet learned it. It is the manner that Joel Tanner has kept along for a great number of years.—

March. 1835.

This Month has been passed in great tribulation in this part of the Church, by reason of some disclosures which have been made, that have heretofore been envelloped in disguise. It has caused two to be carried off to the World

March 1935 and it appears there considerable left that has got to go yet. It is quite evident, from what is to be seen and felt, that there has been and still is a good deal of deceit and false pretentions practiced in the Church, that is by some. The work of purgen has begun, and it has taken some soul and body too; and Doubtless will some more ere long.

April 1935

Things in general much the same as the previous Month, Both spiritual and Temporal. the work of cleansing and purifying the Sanctuary of the Lord is still going on and increasing. Joy to the faithful. But terror to the wicked, who will not cease from his wickedness Many are quite Zealous and lively and lively in works of God, While Others appear to be looking back into Egypt, and some have already set their faces towards that land of Darkness of sorrow.

May. 1935.

Many things have taken place this month worthey

of note Upon the 11th of this Month, the Bones of our First Parents, that is, Mother Annisand Father Williams, were dug up, and removed by the Beleivers, In Union with the Ministry.

23d Philip Cornuel has gone to the World. he has truly been the greatest Imposter that I have ever been acquainted with, but the fire is to hot for such. This Spring is uncommonly backward, say from two, to three weeks. Health of the Society ets good as usual. There has a Lord gone from the First Order to the Eastward on a Visit. For further peticulars respecting the transactions of this Month, refer to the daily Journal, No 3. commencing Page 145. 23d Day.

June, 1835.

Upon the 9th of this Month there was 5 of our Gospel friends arrived here from the West. That is 3 Brethren and two Sisters, all of whome, save one went from these parts into that Country to help plant the Gospel For further particulars, see daily Journal, No 3 Page 192. The Weather has been quite Backward

June. this Months with frequent heavy washing showers, and
1935. a great deal of damage done by them. There has a load consisting of two of Our Elders and some Brethren and Sisters been to Waterleit on a Visit. The Canterbury Ministry arrived here on the 11th instant.
The Society in this place, as well as all others so far as we have heard, enjoy good health at present.

July 1935.

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1935

There is nothing of moment for this Month to my knowledge, but things and matters in general have gone on prosperly, with but ordinary exceptions. The Season is truely very singular. exceedingly wet and cold.
There have been some few that have withdrawn from the gospel to the World, This undoubtedly will be the case so long as a purifying work is kept good. Such as leave take nothing good, but on the contrary. For particulars in these respects. (See) daily Journal (No 3 Page 171 and so onward. We have been informed that it is thought best for some Brethren and Sisters to make a visit to Union Villeage Ohio.

August 1835.

Upon the 6th of this Month, the Elderbrother David Meacham and Luther Copley. Eldress Betsy Hastings and Joanna Hetchel, set out for a Visit to the Ohio Yea and I guess more than a Visit. We are told that the Sisters are to stay thro' Winter, The Brethren are to return this fall. But from the appearence of things we are strongly impressed, that Eldress Betsey is to take the place of Eldress Rachel Johnson. And whats going to become of poor Joanna, we cannot as yet clearly read, But she says she is comming back next summer without fail, we shall know when summer's over.

Upon the 26th of this Month there was two Young Men forsook their privilege in the First Order and went to the World. Harvard Ministry arrived here on the 4th instant all in good health. Elder Benjamin S Youngs and Henry Eads left here for Watervleit on the 31st instant, on their way home.

September. 1835.

We have prettymuch finishd gathering inn Our grass Crop. It is unusually light. This Month has been the commencement of a very important Change in this Society in general, As it respects the health of their bodies. The People of God in all ages of the World, have enjoyed, it is quite evident a far greater portion of the smiles of Divine Providence upon all they professed, Then any other class of People that can be named. It was predicted by many of the Prophets in Ancient times that Gods People should dwell in a land, flowing with Milk and Honey, and eat the fat thereof, and enjoy the good of their labours, in every way, both in things Spiritual and Temporal. When the work of God first commenced here in America, the Subjects of it were generally in low circumstances, and many verymuch involved in debt. But by their Zeal, perseverance, Industry, and faith in the Promises of God that was then made to them by their Parents

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in the gospel, They rapidly increased their store of the good things of this life, and soon paid all their debts, and laid in a good store for the poor of this World, fared low themselves, Believing as they were taught by their parents, that God required souls to deny themselves of every unnecessary, and hurtful appetite as well as every evil propensity of the carnal mind. Thus thro faith and Obedience to that faith, have Believers arriven to a state of affluence and plenty, and have been so for more than 20 years past, Independant and above Board in every respect, Consequently, Our Tables have been spread for many years with the very richest food of almost every kind, Both Animal and Vegitable. Which, most assuredly, must have very much impared the general health of Believers, So that there is now and has been for many years, many who have been brought up in the Society that possess but a very weakly Constitution, Doubtless in many instances it may with great propriety be imputed to the abuse of the Order of nature in their Progeniters, But still it is quite evident, that People in general, When they feel languied

September 1935. and weak often crave that which is directly opposed to what they really ought to eat or drink; I think I have observed this often in myself, and sometimes in others. But I am no kind of a medical Character therefore I shall not attempt to prescribe what should be eaten by those who are feeble, However the writer himself is one of that class, And has found great benefit by wholly abstaining from Meat and grease of every kind, and living upon bread, and simple Vegitables. A great many now in the Society are trying the same method. I think, tho' perhaps not with much decernment, that the day is not far distant, when believers will wholly renounce eating flesh of any kind, and a very great portion of fat also. But this must be gained by degrees as it will undoubtedly meet with considerable opersition. I judge from what little I have seen, what a great deal must be, Old habits and customs are generaly fasend with a very strong rivet, and requires great care and skill to unfasten without breaking, which would cause the last state to be worst than the first. The time has now come that the lead set the Example of abstaining from

meat and from Tea, also from Tobacco in a great meas-
September ure, These things are not merely the wild fanciful
1835. notions of individuals as some have been pleased
to term them, Some who were not altogether in
favor of croping the appetite a great deal as it respects
meats and drinks, unless urged by a miserable state
of health have appeared to feel considerably alarmed
when they perceived any diminution in the quanti-
-ty of meat and grease upon the tables, and would
sometimes exclaim after leaving the table, what are
we to be compeled to leave off eating these things,
which we have work'd hard for, nay, never, If I have
got to live so, I will work accordingly, I have merely
mention'd this to show the disposition that would
unavoidably arise if there was not the greatest care
and precaution taken. For my part, I have not as yet
been able to Discover on the part of the Ministry and
Elders the least disposition to lay any order to compel
those, who do not wish to live any diferent from what they
have done. Nay by no means, but to the contrary. They
have given the cooks perticular instruction, to furn-
ish the table with such kinds of Victuals, as far as

September 1935. was practicable, that every one might be satisfied. This truly opens a large feild for the Cooks to exercise Patience and ingenuity with it, Nevertheless it undoubtedly will prove benificial in the end. I know not for my part how any one, can even get a plausible pretext, for questioning the right of the Ministry to regulate our eating and drinking, any more than they can to question their right to establish any Order or regulation whatever. If we are given up like clay in the hanes of the Potter, ready and willing to be fashioned into whatsoever ~~he~~ shape he pleases. There would be no murmuring or dissatisfaction heard or felt on this subject. Gods People are replete with Order, There is no trancaction of their lines, if rightly done, but what there is some order of God to direct it, if this be not the case, then of a surety they are not Gods people in that respect. and cease to be under the protection of that Lead which God has placed for their whole stay and support. For one. I have found it much the wisest and best way, to acknowlede the Order of God through the Lead willingly and thankfully, in every

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respect. Wether in meeting or out, to work, or at play, awake or asleep, standing or seting, at home or abroad, we are alike under the controll of that leading influence which God has placed for our Guide and Instructor through this mortal life. and when any soul, or souls, cease to feel that they are Dependant on God thro this medium for all the Blesing and protection they enjoy, they then cease to have a true sight of that line of Order and Ministration, through which God has, in every age of the World, wherever he has had a People, revealed himself. They then become literally blind to heavens first Law. (that is Order) and will certainly wither more and more untill they wholly seperate themselves from the Body of Christ, Unless they are again engrafted thro' Repentance. That spirit which creates a cavilling disposition in the mind against the lead in any way, is certainly the first step stone to destruction, and ought to be shunned as the Distroyer of Souls.

September 1835. On the 23 of this Month there there was two Young Men went out of the first Order to the World (Viz.) Isreal Knight and Josephus Sealy. the latter was brought up among Believers from a child. the former was not. had been amongst Believers, some 6 or 7 years, however he had been in the Church but a short time. There has three gone out from James Farnhams Family, Canaan, this Month. Two Young Women went off first and a shortly after a Young Man by the name of Aaron Gibbert who has always been unreconcilable to his Elders. he has undoubtedly been into the flesh with one of them as he was very quick after he left. married to her. Quite a time of getting rid of the filth and corruption. For further particulars respecting those turnoffs, or goffs look in the daily journal No. 3 Page 204 and 5.

October. 1835.

This Month has been actively improved by the believers in this place, in gathering in the Crops of Pertatoes and

October 1835. apples, Corn &c. We have had some very important news from the West. Upon the 11 of this Month Brother Rufus informed us, that Nathan Sharp Their principal acting trustee at Union Villiage Ohio had absconded. and it was supposed he had some very important writeings together with considerable money, how much, not known.

Upon the 21st of this Month the Elders informed us. that the Ministry had lately recived a letter from the West, which Stated, that Elder Solomon King. Luther Copley. Eldress Rachel Johnson, and Eliza Sharp were to leave Union Villiage for New Lebanon, on the 13th of this Month. Luther Copley, with his new company arrived safe here on the 26th instant. On the 29th of this Month Eldress Rachel Johnson, came into this Order to live. She is now to be called Sister Rachel. The weather this Month has been like Summer, remarkable pleasent and warm. It is quite evident, our friends at the West are in great tribulation. We hope and pray, that God will notice them together with us in mercy, That no weapon formed against Zion shall in any way prosper. Tis true in these days there

are many Judases, who would willingly sell their Birthright for a little potage and Betray their Lord and master. Many have sold their Birthright and are now seeking to distress those who have not and will not.

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Elder Solomon King moved into the First Order on the 2nd of this Month. wether for duration I know not. Upon the 16th of this Month Daniel J. Hawkins and Stephen Wells of Waterliet set out for Union Village Ohio. to assist them there in relation to their troubles. originateing in consequence of the apostacy of one of their Deacons, Nathan Sharp. It has been a general time of health and prosperity Amongst beleivers in this place for several months past. The Ministry come to see us once and a while. They Exhort us to be aline and not to fall asleep. They have had a very laborious time for some Months In labouring to help the Western Beleivers.

December 1935.

The Elder brother David Meachem, returned home from the westward upon the 9th accompanyed by Elder Matthew Houston sen. We are all very glad and thankful to see them. Elder brother has been gone something over three months.

Closeing comments for the year 1935

There has been the greatest commotion among Beleivers the Season past of any year since my remembrence, though necessarily so unquestionably. what I mean by commotion is shifting, changeing. going from place to place Coming from the West, and going to the West. and many going to the World, marrying and waxeing wanton against Christ. These are they that give heed to seducing spirits, and Doctrins of Devils. The Season past, has been quite healthy among Beleivers, throughout the Land as far as I can learn. and in these

parts. I think it may be said. A bountiful portion of prosperity and blessing has been bestowed upon us; and the work of God increasing amongst us in general.

January. 1. 1936.

The yearly offering has been made this Month. The opening of minds took place in this part of the Church the 31st Instant. I know of nothing more, very uncommon as respects this Month. It still remains quite healthy among Believers throughout these parts.

We were informed upon the 20th of this Month that Bregeff Wells of Watervliet is appointed to go in the Spring, to Union Village Ohio, and take the lead of that People, Elder Matthew Huston will most probably go back with him.

We were furthermore informed on the 21st of this Month. that it was not thought best for Elder Solomon King to return to the West. But to remain in

the First Order. The title Elder will now be relinquished, and receive that of Brother, in its lieu. We are informed, that the Ministry consider him a good faithful Believer and has done the best he could, for the time being.

February 1836.

There has been a great increase of the work of God amongst us. The Gift of humiliation and repentance, Is the Universal gift for us all. and it has been, and still is carefully sought with tears. Such heartfelt Godly sorrow my eyes have never before seen, nor my heart experianced. The Children have been very much wrought upon, and brought to a sense of the Gospel, where they never before have, to my knowledge. There is now and then a poor rotten hearted soul goes back to the flesh again, or more properly go where they can enjoy it with less obstruction than what they can here. Tis not anyways probable that those who are turning their backs to the way of God (in this day) have

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ever kept out of the Flesh long at a time. and without Doubt they were quite careful to keep it conceald from their Elders, The darkness of such such souls soon becomes exceeding great. I verily believe, many times souls have gone on in this way till there was no space for Repentance left for them. as some have Declared who have lately ~~backslided~~ gone off. That they could not repent, even if they would, they could not, they said. This in substance is as much as to say, they have liv'd such a gross filthy life: and that with their eyes so wide open, right against all their teaching, and every Order and precept of the gospel, till their darkness become so great that every ray of gospel light was extinguished from the soul. That is, the spirit of God had entirely ceased to strive with them. In this State souls find no room for repentance. I heartily pray that this may, from this time henceforth never take place with any who have any true joining to the work of God in this day, for to be in that state where no repentance can be found, is indiscribably awful and distressing—

What fools the Devil will make of Creatures who have enlisted themselves into his service, What can be more foolish and short sighted than for souls to declare, that they have not been overcome with the flesh, have not done any thing but what they are willing all should know, and the like, They also affirm they believe this to be the only way of God, the only way of Salvation? But still, they must cleave to the wide gate, and broad Road to destruction, and this too without previously having done any thing to seperat them from the true body of Christ. O how fallicious and futile is such an assertion from any person who posesses common sense. What child is there amongst us but what knows better than this, I say none, none but what knows it is the element of every creature of ev to be happy and comfortable, none but what knows, a soul in a state of justification, and Obedience, is in this happy and comfortable state, and could never leave it without previously having done something, that ought to have

been confess'd, but they had kept it concealed untill they had lost all strength, and justifica tion. And this is the situation of all those who are ripe for destruction. No human creature who keeps his sins confess'd, and walks in obedience can lose his justification, And while in this state he or she are perfectly safe and free from harm. And their heaven is always in this state,

March 1836

No very uncommon events have taken place this Month to my knowledge. But I beleive things both spiritual and Temporal have in a general sense been under a blesing. The health of Believers throughout the society has been very good for some Month.

April 1836

The Winter has been uncommonly hard and severe. It has been completly blockd up with

snow a great part of the time for three Months past.
But now it is clearing away quite fast
Elder Freegift and Elder Matthew Houston
set off for Union Village about the middle of this
Month. Elder Freegift Wells has gone to take
the Charge of that Society.—
Our good Ministry labour with unwearied
pains, to comfort and strengthen every soul, in
the one pure way of God. There has been a very
great awakening the winter past. The greatest I
think, in this part of the Church that I have
seen for many years. I do not mean to a high fly
away sense of religion. But to a solid work of
humiliation and Repentance in the Valley low
where the true Fear of God is found.
Our Children have had their Hearts wrought upon
in a Manner never before experienced amongst
them to my knowledge.

May 1836.

It has been a time of general prosperity

and good health throughout Believers in these parts, Daniel J Hawkings and those with him returning from the west upon the last day of this Month. he has been gone all Winter

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There is now and then a rotten hearted pretender falls back among the Egyptians to try the pleasures of lust, or in other words, have chose to sell their Birthright for the sake of a little potage, or a few moments pleasure in eating it. let them go. The cleansing work of God will go on, and all who are in it will labor to cleans their own souls before it is to late. As has been the case of with many very lately, As they themselves express'd at the time they were about to bid adieu to all reasonable hopes of salvation, and launch into the wide World of sin and wickedness

(It is now Eternally to late for me, I must go, but I might have been saved if I had been faithful in Season, and kept my heart open to my Elders according as I was taught.) Awful! Awful! How can a soul go with their eyes wide open to Eternal destruction. knowing that no other Dispensation of the gospel can ever again be offered to them. Yea better, far Better would it have been with such souls never to have had an existence, But God is just, and will justly give every soul the reward of their own works. wether they have gained much or little, or lost All!

July 1836.

Upon the 4th of this Month Charles Stewart a man about 37 years of age and has lived here in the Church more than 25 years. has made up his

mind to leave the People of God and go to the World. This must be the finishing stroke with him as he went off 10 or 12 years ago, and was taken back again. There is an indiscribable something, to work, I know not how to express it. A very singular and Solemn feeling often overshadows me: many others often express the same. But thus much I know, the Hand of God is in it and a righteous, Pure, and holy People he will have, if the Present number has to be very much reduced. The Words of our Parents we can see fulfilling. God looks not at outward numbers. But into the Heart of every Creature. Lo! Jerusalem is now being searched with Candles, or the anering light of God—

It has been a general time of health throughout Believers this season thus far Temporal things prosper very well throughout.

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August 1936.

Nothing very uncommon to mention
for this Month, to my knowledge. The
Believers have pretty much finish'd
their haying and harvesting. Crops not
more than a medium this Season.
The Summer thus far has been quite
cool. We think an uncommon blessing
has attended Our Labors in the
field this Season. There has been
a unanimity of feeling thro' the
whole Body in general, and this
oneness in a good cause, will always
ensure prosperity. There still does
now and then one keep dropping
back to the World. But the Work of
God is going on, and increasing in
every honest true hearted Soul,

September 1836.

General prosperity has pervaded the transactions of this Month

The First Order have been considerably reduced, as to their number of able bodied men in the field. But still they say they have never performed so much in the same space of time, as they have this Season. And I know we never have. The Reprobates were often heard to say long in the Summer. Well, I guess the Shakers will find out this Season who has done the hard work for them. They'll have cold fingers this Season before they get done haying &c &c.

But it so hapened, that the poor weak Shakers, as, they styled them, got thro with their haying about one fortnight earlyer than their powerful neighbours round the hollow.

So it is quite evident we have lost no good strength, if it be strength at all, it must be bad strength. better absent, than Present.—

October 1836.

Our Good Ministry and Elders often Exhort us to persevere, and be strong valiant and, through-going, not faint by the way But keep our course on Zion-ward. So are we led along by those who daily watch for our best good and prosperity to both Soul and Body.

We have had about a midling crop of apples this season they have been careful saved to use in whatever way we need them. The health of Believers in these parts has been uncommonly good, very little sickness has occured this Season thus far.—

November 1837

November, This month has paſs'd away without anything very extraordinary taking place to my knowledge, But the general feeling, is to march forward in things spiritual and Temporal— There has many of the Brethren gone out long journeys on Buisnels, which makes it rather of a scatter'd time just at present. But some will return home this month, and others next. Those that are to home are wide awake in the spirit.—

December 1837

Closeing comments for the years past. There has been much labor and anxiety of mind for the Western Believers as the time had evidently come when

it was indispensable for a new Ministration, or leading influence to be established at the West or the People could no longer find a fruitful travel, As those who were first sent out, have faithfully done the work alotted for them to do. But The gift to open the gospel, and plant souls therein: is necessarily different, from the one necessary, for their after growth and protection in Church Order. Therefore I think no one can look upon those who have evidently done the work which they were sent to do, and have now returned home, unto the Old hive again, As being under the least disgrace, or stigma, whatever, For this Promise was given them when they were sent out, go and be faithful, and when your gift is out you shall again have a home in your Fathers house. Thus we see those things

fulfiled according to Promis. Which reflects much honor, and Credit upon those who have returned. As having kept their faith in obedience, and now have obtaind the Promis. All thats above have returnd but two. (viz) Archabald Meachum, and Anna Cole. They still remain in their respective lots. The Labours of Our Ministry for two years past have been very great in respect to the Western Believers. Besides, what they have had to feel for their Own People at Home. But it appears they have now got thro with the heaviest Burden, in that Respect, (for the Present at least) As they have sent two from these parts. (Whose names are previously mentioned in this journal) to take the first Charge of all the Societies in the Western Land. Their immediate Bishoprick comprises Union Vilage, Ohio and Waterviliet in the same

State, Their Labours there, already tho' they have been there but a short time, have been productive of much good, in Bringing the People into that Order where they can find an increase of travel. We have received this information by letter of late.

The Society at Port Bay, in this State have Sold their Plantation for $40,000 Dollars. And have Bought another about 90 miles Southwest near the Genesee River. for about $4,000 Dollars, quantity 1,600 acres of good Land. This they have done in Union with the Ministry and Elders of the Church, in this place, They have one year from next April to move, and get their effects moved. This year which is now far spent, may properly be termed a year of purification of of cleansing the Sanctuary of the

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Lord, or Christs Church here upon earth. For the very Elements in Zions borders seem far less corrupted with the Breath of flesh hunters, and the Poison of Infidels, with the infusion of Hereoy. For these, The Candle of the Lord hath searchid out, in a great measure, and expelled them from the Camp of Isreal. So now we can meet together to serve God and feel of one heart and one mind, and the Gifts of God do flow, Becaus there is no Achen in the Camp, with his Babylonish Garment hid, or in Other words words with his sins concealed mingleing or trying to mingle with those who are honest and upright striving to do the will of Him, who will receive non but those with clean hands and a pure Heart.

January 1st 1937.

January 1937

Upon the first day of this month a Young Man living at the North House, Deceased this morning about 9 oclock. he had been there about one year.

Elder Jeremiah T, and ~~Joseph~~ Joseph Pelham. have been down about their buisness there at Port Bay, as they have Sold that place, and purchased another about 90 miles distant in the Genesee Country, about South West from them. For further perticulars, refer to daily journal, No. 3. page 116. This year seems to be ushering in, under a heavey hand of sufferings and tribulations, together with some deaths.

Garret H Lawrence, Deceased upon the 24th of this Month. He been lingering with a painful Diseasein his Bowels for some years. He Was a Man right in the prime of life as to age, about 42 or a little over. He was much beloved for his works sake, for further perticulars, refer

to daily journal No. 3, page 1 2 1 and 2 2
There has been several taken with the
fever this month in the First Order.
On the evening of the 25th inst a remar
kable Phenoumenon appeard in the
Horizon. For further perticulars refer
to No 3, page 1 2 2 and 3. The First Order
are under a heavy Visitation of sickness
and to all appearence it will terminate
in the Dissolution of the Bodies of some.

February 1st 1837.

There was 2 Sisters Deceasd in the First Orda
on the first of this month, (Viz) Saloma
Chauncy and Electa Blanchard.
Upon the 10 of this Month Susannah
Ellis Departed this Life, She was taken
shortly after Electa Deceased. This is
going thro' time swift. the call must
be urgent and decisive. Susannah

had lived in the Office 14 or 15 years as the first Woman in care of Temporal Things. And a more capable one perhaps will never be produced. She was between 55 and 60 years of age

Electa has lived with Susannah in the Office between 6 and 7 years, and given general satisfaction. She was right in the prime of life about 36 years of age. The Departure of these two Deaconesses out of this World so suddenly Give rise to many serious, and solemn contemplations; It is quite evident Divine Providence saw fit so to do, for some cause or other, Which most likely will hereafter unvail itself sooner or later

Upon the 13 of this Month there were 3 Sisters two from the First Order and one from here appointed by the Ministry and Elders to go and constitute the lot of Deaconesses at the Office. Their names and ages as follows

1st Samantha Fairbanks, age about 32 has grown up from a small Child in the First Order, and for several years past has been one of the Deaconesses in the Family. 2nd Olive Brown, age about 30 She has also grown up in the First Order. Thirdly Sarah Ann Lewis age about 34 She has been brought up from a small Child in the Second Order and has for 2 or 3 years past been one of the nurses. They have all gone into that place heavily loaded with a cross, especially the one from here, and may Gods blessing attend them, and keep their souls alive in his work.

Betsey Crossman, age 32 has gone into the lot of Family Deaconesses.

Hannah Reed, age about 23, has also gone into that order, there is now 3 Sisters in that lot. Abram Hendricoon, age about 57 has been gathered into the Church for a Doctor. he formerly

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lived at the North House. but for several years past. he has had charge of a Family in Canaan.

Proctor Sampson. age not far from 60 has gone to Canaan to fill the place Abram has left. the above has been living with Elder Richard Bushnell at the North House for some years past

Daniel Sizer, age about 32. has lived at the North House ever since he Believed has gone to live with Elder Richard.

So I think, as matters have been going for a spell. there will be but few who will have any reason to complain that the Ministry and Elders have not thot. of them, and even noticed them.

March 1937

Heavy sufferings seems to be our lot There are several of us already down with the fever. and several more

have been caught by the head and ears, and held till they squeald roundly but finally got away after a severe scouring. There has been one Decease here in this part of the Church on the 17th of this Month (1837) Isachar Bates Sen^r Who has for many years past been an Elder, and labourer in the Western Country, but has returned to die in his old hive. Tho he was never gathered into the Church before he went to the west — For further particulars respecting those who have Deceas^d. and those who have turn^d their backs to the way and work, (See) Daily Jour. No" 3 commencing Page 139 —

April 1837

Nothing very remarkable, more than what there has been for some months past. Sickness has rather abated.

The Rotten hearted keep gradually falling away to the World, 3 have gone from the Second Families this month one Male and two Females all grown up among Beleivers. Upon the 16th of this Month Elder Benjamin Wicher Departed this life at New Enfield N. H.

There has been a speaking Board put up in the Meeting House to stop the echo. But wether it will do any good is yet to be proved.

May 1837

The health of the Church has very much improved within a month past. all are in a state of convalecents The Spring is very backward, upon the 3 of this month a little Boy, in The First Order, Deceased, by the name of Joseph Finley. Levy Chauncy, Deceased in the First Or on the 9th instant. He was about 61 years

of age, and has lived in the Church ever since it was gathered.

June. 1837.

It has been a general time of health and prosperity in the Society so far as I have had knowledge. Vegitation begins to come forward and look more smiling. There has been quite a awakening among Believers of late, especially at the Publick Meeting. There is now a good deal of life and power, with divers operations manifested in the Meetings. This going the right way. The Church have a great portion of the same, and are gaining in substance. 15th of this month a great Hail Storm.

July. 1837.

The World have flocked to our Meetings in Masses of late, their curiosity is very much excited in consequence

of the strange exercises among the Shakers
The World have of late manufactured
a new story, (Viz) That Ann Lee is
going to rise, and be in meeting next
Sabbath, and marry off all the young
erly part of the Shakers, and many
such like stories ——

Prosperity smiles in every Family
We have been blessed in general
with good health, and good Union which
is the most precious part in this day.

August 1837.—

Sometime in the forepart of this
Summer there was some change
made upon the Sisters side at the
Second Family. Anna Williams
who has lived with the Elder Sister
for many years, came out and went
to be the first woman at the South
House. Marrilla Fairbanks, went

went to live with the Eldersister.
Our Ministry brought home several Shouting songs from the East with them. Elder Benjamin had a peculiar feeling for a considerable time before he Deceased for such like songs. we have began to use them and feel quite a gift in them. It has been a time of health and general prosperity, in things Spiritual and Temporal.

September 1937.

Nothing very remarkable to mention for this Month, But a continuance of Gods Blesing is lengthend out to all who are striving to do well, According to their day and privilege, For certain it is, every soul that is called in this day, ought solemnly to consider the heavy responsibilities resting upon them, for the use they make of their time, Days Roll swiftly on, and time with

us will be but short at most. And to keep pace with the work of God requires my whole exertion. I fear, The Best that I can do will come far short of finding that which many have found, But still God will own every honest upright soul according to their measure. And none shall be cast off wether their measure be small or great. (If that only be filled) For this is the promis of God to all.

I ought to have mentioned, There was several visions seen the forepart of this at watervliet. Second and South Family which were very striking and solemn

October 1837

There has been many very extraordinary Visions Seen at Watervliet this month, and some last month, The Subjects of these Visions are generally young and some of them quite young

Believers. There are two at the Second Family that have had several remarkable Visions, and prophecies. There names as follows, Elliot Gibbs age about 2½ or 3 come from Port Bay there about one year ago, has been among Believers a few years. very gifted in Spiritual things, Yet quite illiterate in the letter. The other Ann Marich Goff about 13 years old, ~~an illegit~~ ~~issuate Child of Pleasant Barnabas and~~ little or no letter learning. Yet God thro her has made known that which must confound the most Brazen Infidel, Some very striking and Solemn Messages have been given by Mother Ann to this little one, to convey to us on earth, or more particular to those in the Order where she lives. There were two Girls at the South House and some of the time 3 who have seen several visions, they were from the age of 10 to 12, These Visions last often lay in this kind of a trance for 4 or 5 hours,

All These Visions have been given to encourage souls to be more faithful, and strict, as Mother said to walk according to their teaching, Together with the most solemn and weighty warnings not to lose their Birthright thro' unfaithfulness and thereby fall into that place of torment, where they had just been seeing souls chained in darkness upon their hands and knees Rolling their heads from side to side with their tongues hanging out of their mouths. Awful Spectacle. who could endure the sight. But Where Mother was it was Beautiful beyond description, so it was where all those who had been faithful, dwelt, Nothing to hurt or mar their peace and comfort. But they had to be very strict to keep order.

The Visions ot attended meetings with them Repeatedly.

November 1837.

Nothing very different has taken place this month, from that of last, either in things spiritual or Temporal to my knowledge. But a continuation of the same With a gradual increase, We have learnt by way of the Newspapers, that there has a Civil War broke out in the two Provinces, of Uper and Lower Canada. and they are Butchering oneanother by hundreds There is a part of them determined to throw off the Yoke of England, and establish their own Government upon Republican principles that is an Elective Government, by the People.

Visions and Revelations Continue to Increase at Waterliet, Second Family and South House. Health of the Church very good. But at the Second Family, they have had a great deal of sickness and Deaths this month, which are mentioned in daily Journal, 6th

December 1937.

There is a Volum of interesting matter might be written for this Month. But As the Visions and Revelations which have been and still are given at Waterviet Are carefully preserved by those who have been set in order for such purposes, I Shall Content myself by making a few brief remarks in the closing comments for the year. But in relation to a Vision Seen by one of the Brethren Living here in the Second Order, on the 10th of this Month, I shall proceed to draw off entire as follows—

A Vision Seen by Gideon Kibbee, Dec.r 10th 1937.

The following is a marative of the Vision as related by Gideon, a short time after having seen the things herein mentioned— over

Now we will march on we'll go
To the realms of union
Walking in the valley low
Joined in one communion
Humiliation is the seal of every true heir
Of every true believer
While working in the gospel field
They're comfort to each other —
Comfort my children says Mother
Come good Angels guard me through the scenes of time

On Sabbath day the 10th Dec. 1933 I was in my room, and while setting in silent meditation, I became at once insensible to surrounding objects, & seemed to be in the world of spirits. Presently a spirit, (Geo. De Witt) came to me, and led me some distance to a large, a very large beautiful White House; the doors of which seemed to be about eighteen feet wide and fourteen feet high. On entering it I perceived it was filled with believers, & my guide told me all the believers in the land were present, with thousands of Angels, who had assembled to worship and praise the living God.

The building was extensive, and the number of souls in it so great, that the furthermost ones I could see, as they were standing in ranks north and South, all in perfect Order, did not appear more than 10 inches high. My Guide, George "De Witt," informed me that all the believers in Christs second Appearing

were in this House. On looking around me I beheld a Throne, which extended from the east side of the meeting room, in the center from North and South, thirty feet towards the West, & appeared to be about twenty feet wide, and five feet high, which looked far brighter than the sun, or any thing I could describe. On this Throne were five of our first Parents (viz) Mother Ann, Father William, Father James, Father Joseph, and Mother Lucy.— Father William held in his hand a sceptre of Gold, from which its branches extended with bright nubs, one for every believer to take hold of at once— which they did.

Our present Ministry were all there, and marched together to the Throne, and all ascended it. When they came on Mother Ann spoke to the believers, and told them that these, were the only ones who were yet simple enough to ascend the Throne, and they were welcomed

by all the Elders before mentioned, & Father Hillians, in particular, who seemed to welcom Elder Ebenezer with smiles— This throne was covered with Angels— The Church here, stood next to the Throne, Brethren on the south side, and Sisters on the north side— The first Elders and our Ministry now conversed together and there was much spoken which I could not hear; but their conversation seemed to be in relation to the present state of believers.

Mother Ann told Elder Ebenezer that the people were now doing very well; only, they were not near little, and simple enough. Elder Ebenezer then address'd the believers in the voice of a spirit, which seemed much more powerful than any natural voice; and told them they had but just begun to decend into the Valley of humiliation; they had but just begun to be little and simple; just begun to repent.

Father James, and Father Joseph

also said the same, many very many times in succession; indeed this seemed to be the thing they wish'd to impress on the minds of believers, and they did it in a very powerful manner, much more so, than I can describe.

Father Joseph added further; he said there were some orders which were not attended to as they ought to be, (viz) we were not to be looking out of the windows on the sabbath, but have our sense more upon that which is for our good, and attend more strict to the time given us to retire in before Meetings; and after, keep still for half an hour; especially saturday evenings have no unnecessary Conversation at all.

After feeling the reproof which the Elders seemed to convey, Nothing can imitate the scene of sorrow and repentance manifested by the Assembly, they all immediately fell upon their knees, and pour'd forth their cries to God in a manner which seemed

beyond the Capacity of Mortals.

Their hearts seemed broken, and their earnest labour seemed to be to gain that degree of humiliation and Godly sorrow for sin, which would entitle them to acceptance into the mansions of the redeemed, which was now so clearly exhibited, but into which they were not prepared to enter.

I could now see the exact state of each one, just how ~~far~~ much they had crucified the old man, and how far they had descended into the Vally of humiliation, and it seem'd there were many who had a great work to do before they could enter the Kingdom of Heaven. None, however, seem'd to halt or incline backward, because they were not yet sufficiently humble, pure and holy, to find acceptance; nay, nay, they had enlisted for the Kingdom their faces were set, and without even a shadow of turning. Furthermore I also could see the brightness of all: some looked bright half way down, others

only round the head and shoulders, and others still less, which seemed to denote how far every one had traveled out of a fallen nature; but none but what had some degree of brightness upon their heads.

After having been in fervent cries to God on their knees, for some length of time, they rose up, and were dismissed, and I returned home.

This scene was more than I can express in words, or can describe to any mortal. But be assured, what I saw and heard were realities: they produced that in my mind, which never can be erased.

Gideon was 66 last May.

Closeing Comments for the Year 1837.

The Season past has been a very singular one, both in a Temporal

and Spiritual point of View. Believers have been pinched very much this Season in Respect to their Temporal concerns, for this reason, The Banks throughout the Country stoped paying specie last Spring, By reason of the hard times so called, Brought on by over trading Speculating &c. So, that it has been next to an impossibility to collect any back Debts, or to sell any thing for the Money. Grain, and all kinds of provision have been, and still are extremly high, Common Wheat 2 Dollars Corn and Rye 1 Dollar. Our Crops in general have been middling good.

A Civil War has Broken out in the Canadas this Fall, But I under stand the Government party are like to quill The Rebbles, as they call them for this Winter.

There has been but very few who have gone to the World the Session past.

It appears the tares and cockles are pretty well severed from the Wheat. The gifts of Visions, Prophecies, and Revelations have for some months past been given in a very striking and convincing manner. Long Anthems have been by the Visionest while in the Spiritual world and several manners of laboring, which we are beginning to practice in. The Songs that have been sent from the World of spirits, to us here on earth, are both Solemn and Heavenly, beyond anything that Tongue or pen can describe. it is enough to cause ones Blood to chill to hear them when sung in the gift they were given. Mother has permited the Visionest to Behold a great many Citties, together with the number of souls that lived in those Citties. Also their names, such as the Citty of Gold, The Citty of silver, the Citty of Zion, the Citty of David

the Citty of Mother, and the Citty of Love
They also saw the patriach David.
David Meachem sen that died here
in the Church a few years ago was
with him, They have seen the most
part who have died amongst Believers
here for some years, several times over.
The most extraordinary Manifestations
that have been since the work of God
began in America, is in these days being given
and clearly shown to mortals here on earth.
It is evident Mother Intends every Veil shall be lifted
and every stumbling Block removed,
So that no soul shall have the least
shaddow of an excuse, to wander or stray
from the work of God, for the want
of clear and convincing Proof of future
rewards and Punishments.
These gifts are beginning to spread
some here at Lebanon. They have
had considerable at the Hill Family.
tho' in a little different line from those

at Watervliet, these on the Hill, are given when the Body is asleep, or at least they commence so. They would be taken in by the same spirit every night to a large Beautiful white House, There vast numbers of believers would be assembled worshiping God. Sally Van Vicke as yet has been the principal one gifted in this line, tho some of the other Sisters have been some, and are now increasing more and more, I know not what to say more for the year past, But I think it may be termed quite an eventful year, if 1838 should be as Conspicious for remarkable events and manifestations as the latter part of 1837 has been, no mortals penn will be able to give but a shaddow of what is manifested. At Present they appear daily to be increasing, Especially at Watervliet. Wonderful! Wonderful! is the day we live in, I have formerly

With the most pleasing and Solemn reflections, employed my leisure moments in reading over the most Miraculous Manifestations recorded in Scripture. But I have no longer need of recurring back for reflections. For greater Miracles than any we read of, are almost daily now being manifested, In various ways and manners.

Tho much the greatest Manifestations in the line of Visions, have as yet been made at Watervliet Second, and South Family. Yet, This Gift appears to be operating in various places. And generally in our Families, upon those who are generally speaking Young Believers, and Youngerly People— Generally Females. There is One of the Brethren However who is considerably advanced, in This Family, that has, had, quite lately several Visionary Interviews. Tho he does not appear to gather much, that can be communicated to others. On this ground they appear, to be rather eccentrise, or

in other words, quite different from what the Visions that have been of late generally are, At Handcock, I understand this gift is rapidly increasing. There has been two or three carried home from Publick Meeting in Vision, Now for 2 or 3 Sabbaths past. One of the Sisters upon the Hill, (Viz) Elizabeth Standish in open Vision last Friday Evening, Asked the spirit that came to see her, why it was, that the manifestations and Revelations from the World of Spirits, opened to us here on earth now, with so much greater profusion, than they had been for many years past. To which the Spirit answered. There has been a great many apostates and Unbelievers amongst you, which has caused a great deal of Blindness and Darkness to get in. Which has partially blinded and bewildered many well meaning souls. But those apostates and Unbelievers are now mostly purged out, And we in the World of Spirits

feel it is time you had help. She further more said, there had been a great work going on in Heaven. And we must labor to be more faithful, and prize our present day. And treasure up every gift of God, for they are given for the increase of our souls in the gospel. That we may be truly joined to all the faithful, here and hereafter —

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